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Cobent Garden Theatre.

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Pantomime of *Old Mother Hubbard*, filled this Theatre last night.

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THREE light pieces, viz. *A Soldier's Courtship*, *My Neighbour's Wife*, and *Mr. and Mrs. Pringle*, preceded the gorgeous
Spectacle of *St. George and the Dragon*, last evening. In
the scene which terminates the Spectacle, there are employed
nearly 300 men, women and children, besides 100 supernu-
merary soldiers, 44 horses, 6 Zebras, and 12 ponies, with cars,
chariots, &c.

FITZROY THEATRE.—The new pieces and the new performers
which have been produced at this Theatre, under the new man-
agement, are in every respect worthy public patronage. The
Domestic Drama of *The Templar*, which is from the pen of Mr.
Mayhew, the lessee, is extremely interesting, and its author
evinces a perfect knowledge of the human heart when assailed
by the tortures of the fiercest of passions—jealousy. Miss Mason's
conception of the character of the heroine was perfect, though
her execution did not always come up to that conception. Her
brother, who played the principal part, bears a striking resem-
blance to his uncle, the late John Kemble, and possesses a large
share of the family talent. The other three parts were well filled
by Parry, Oxberry, and Mrs. Brindal; the latter is a most lively
agreeable little actress, and would be an acquisition to any
Theatre. The Farce of *Who's Right and Who's Wrong?* is
a most laughable piece of business, and is excellently performed
by Miss Crisp, Mrs. Brindal, Mitchell, Parry, and Hughes; the
last named gentleman, though a very young man, played the part
of an old one, *Mr. Fogle*, with great judgment and considerable
comic effect, yet without anything like caricature. The Pan-
tomime is written with point and humor, and, for so small a house,
is well got up, and the entertainments altogether will well repay
a visit to the Fitzroy.

On Monday there was a meeting of the creditors, under the
fiat of bankruptcy issued against Mr. Davidge, the late pro-
prietor of the Coburg, (now Victoria,) at the Court of Bank-
rupts. Mr. Davidge on his examination by the Commissioner
said his debts amounted to £800, but he considered his property
would nearly pay his debts in full. Four years ago, he said, he
was worth nearly £10,000, but he had lost considerably by the

Liverpool Circus, and within the last four years he lost at the Coburg Theatre, no less than £7000. He had expended £750 within the last eighteen months on the City Theatre, but thought if properly sold, it would realise the sum expended; the Theatre is let for £10 a week.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Society of Musicians, which was founded in 1738, £60 were appropriated to the relief of non-claimants, among whom was poor Mariotti, who was the trombone primo player at the Opera House for 40 years, he is now 80 years of age, and in indifferent circumstances. Gratuities were also voted to a few of the oldest claimants, amongst whom is John Mahon, once a celebrated clarinet player, who is 88 years old; he is grandfather to Mrs. Salmon, the once charming vocalist.

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Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, the Tragedy of

VIRGINIUS.

Appius Claudius, Mr MATHEWS, Caius Claudius, Mr BRINDAL,
Virginius, Mr MACREADY,
Siccus Dentatus, Mr COOPER, Icilius, Mr KING,
Marcus, Mr F. COOKE, Numitorius, Mr THOMPSON,
Lucius, Mr YOUNGE.

Virginia, Miss PHILLIPS, Servia, Mrs FAUCIT.

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Cobent Garden Theatre.

LAST night the Opera of *Gustavus the Third*, and the new Pantomime, were repeated to a full house. We perfectly agree with Mr. Leigh Hunt in the following remarks upon Pantomimes. He says "He that says he does not like a Pantomime, either says what he does not think, or is not so wise as he fancies himself. He should grow young again, and get wise." "The child" as the poet says "is father to the man," and in this instance he has a very degenerate offspring. Yes. John Tomkins, aged 35, and not liking a Pantomime, is a very unpromising little boy. Consider, Tomkins, you have still a serious regard for pudding, and are ambitious of being thought clever. Well, there is the Clown, who will sympathise with you in dumplings, and not to see into the cleverness of Harlequin's quips and metamorphoses. is to want perception, which other little boys have by nature. Not to like Pantomimes is not to like animal spirits; it is not to like motion—not to like love—not to like a jest upon dulness and formality—not to smoke one's uncle—not to like to see a thump in the face—not to laugh—not to fancy—not to take a holiday—not to know the pleasure of setting up at Christmas—not to sympathise with one's children—not to remember we have been children ourselves, nor that we shall grow old and be as gouty as Pantaloon, if we are not as wise and as active as they. Pantomime is the only upholder of Comedy, when there is nothing else to shew for it. What whim! what fancy! what eternal movement!!"

VICTORIA.—Mr. Elton is engaged for a few nights at this Theatre, and last night played *Iago*, to Mr. Butler's *Othello*. T. Dibdin's Pantomime is likely to have a great run.

St. George and the Dragon.—Mr. Ducrow having with great liberality refused to accept any remuneration for getting up this Spectacle, the Lessee, yesterday evening, presented him, as a new year's gift, with a splendid silver vase, surmounted by a cast in gold, of the combat, and with the following inscription on the coverlid :—"To Andrew Ducrow, Esq., whose splendid talents have established for him a reputation beyond that of all his contemporaries, and rendered the prospect of a successor hopeless, this vase, as a slight return for his extraordinary exertions in the production of "*St. George and the Dragon*," one of the most splendid Spectacles ever exhibited on the national stage, is presented by his obliged and faithful friend—A. BUNN, Lessee of the Theatres Royal Drury Lane & Covent Garden, Dec. 26th, 1833."

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Clarendon, Mr KING, Valise, Mr WOOD, Junket, Mr MEADOWS,
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young Roscius had been most cried up, and quietly read by the lamp light. The clamour became universal. "The affectation of the fellow," cried one, "Look at that gentleman reading papa," squeaked a young lady. I read on, "He ought to have his book knocked out of his hand," exclaimed a pursy cit, whose arms were too fast pinioned to his sides to suffer him to execute his kind intention. Still I read on, and till the time came to pay my money, kept as unmoved, as Saint Antony at his holy offices with the satyrs, apes, and hobgoblins, mopping and making mouths at him in the picture, while the good man sits quite undisturbed. This individual rabble (I recognized more than one of their ugly faces,) had *damned* a slight piece of mine a few nights before, and I was determinad the culprits should not a second time put me out of countenance.

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VICTORIA.—We are happy to say they are doing most prosperously at this Theatre, the Pantomime bringing great half-prices. On Wednesday Don Trueba's new Historical Drama, called *The Royal Delinquent; or, the Triumph of Justice*, will be produced; it is founded on some striking incidents narrated by himself in that division of the Romance of History which relates to Spain; the hero is Don Pedro of Castile, commonly called Peter the Cruel, and another principal personage is an old farmer. Abbott and Williams will sustain these characters.

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Success of Miss Smithson's husband, M. Barlioz.—On the occasion of the concert last week, at the Conservatoire de Musique, the *Symphonie Fantastique* was most effectively executed

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OLYMPIC.—Notwithstanding the attractive nature of the performances at the Patent Theatres, the fair lessee of this house has no reason to complain of a deficiency of patronage, and certainly it would be a libel on the taste of the town if such were the case, for all that taste, liberality and judgment can achieve to please the public is done by the lessee and her coadjutors.—*The Welsh Girl*, as we foretold, has proved a great hit; Vestris is all fascination in the heroine, it would repay a pilgrimage to hear her warble with such taste and sweetness her Cambrian ditties, and her acting is worthy her singing. *The Beulah Spa* is also another great card; in this Vestris's song of 'On the margin of fair Zurich's Waters' is uncommonly popular, and never fails to elicit an encore. *The deep deep Sea* is the most successful of those classical Burlettas peculiar to this Theatre; its dialogue is humorous, and it is admirably acted. J. Vining, in a part not apparently in his line, exhibits great comic powers; he gives the Yankee drawl with true *gusto*. Miss Ferguson and Vestris are equally happy in their respective parts, and sing some clever parodies with great sweetness. Although the present pieces are still attractive, various novelties are in preparation; one, a two act Farce, for Liston and Keeley, by Kenny, another, a Burletta, by Bernard, in which Madame Vestris will perform the principal character.

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THE Opera of *Gustavus the Third*, and the Pantomime of *Old Mother Hubbard and her Dog*, despite the unfavorable state of the weather, drew another capital house last night. At the end of the second act of the first piece, there were loud calls for *Ankarstrom's* song, ' When time hath bereft her,' which was left out, and the performance was not allowed to proceed ; after a considerable lapse of time, during which there was a continued uproar, Mr. Bartley came forward and explained to the audience that from the time Mr. Martyn had played the part that song had been omitted, it not being within the compass of his voice. This explanation quieted the tumult, and the piece proceeded as usual.

That clever *little* woman, Mrs. Keeley, commences her engagement at the Adelphi Theatre on Monday night, in a new Burletta by another clever *little* person, Buckstone. Mrs. Yates and O. Smith have good parts in it.

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A new grand Mass, in E. flat, by H. C. Nixon, will be sung at the Bavarian Ambassador's Chapel, Warwick-street, next Sunday. The solo parts by Misses Betts and Dunn, Mrs. Tomlinson, Messrs. T. Cooke, H. Phillips, and Bedford, Signori Bégrez, Galli, &c.

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transfers his project of matrimony to her, and is in due time accepted. This happy disposition of affairs is, however, intercepted by, what does the reader think? by the *accouchement* of Angele, who reveals her seducer's name to her mother, and her physician, who is in love with Angele himself. Dalvimare refuses to repair the injury he has inflicted by marrying Angele; and is therefore challenged and shot by the young Esculapius, who is himself dying with consumption, & who in order to preserve the reputation of Angele, marries her himself, and with the signing of the contract this extraordinary Drama concludes. Notwithstanding the revolting taste of the subject, the skill of the author has thrown an interest around it of the same kind as that which characterises the sentimental depravities of the *Antony and Teresa* of the same writer.

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Philosophical Analysis of Dancing.—The sum and substance of the matter seems to me to be only this. A party of ladies and gentlemen, (who elsewhere pass for intelligent and rational beings,) assemble at the ball-room. They soon array themselves in opposing lines. Presently a young lady jumps up from the floor, shakes one foot and comes down again. Again she springs up and the other foot quivers. Then she turns round in her place, springs up and shakes both her feet. Her intelligent partner opposite performs the same operations. They both rush forward and seize each other's hand, jump up again, shake their feet and stand still. The next lady and gentleman very rationally and soberly follow the example just set them, jumping, shaking and turning, and so on to the end, and for no other reason than because black Cuffee sits in the corner yonder, drawing a horse-hair across a catgut.—*American Paper*.

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JERROLD'S Comedy of *The Wedding Gown*, Mr. and Mrs. Pringle, and *St. George and the Dragon*, formed an attractive bill of fare at this house last night.

Cobent Garden Theatre.

THE performances, at this Theatre, yesterday evening, were *Gustavus the Third*, and the Pantomime. In the first piece, there was an apology made for Mr. Martyn, who was hoarse, and Mr. Seguin took his part of *Ankarstrom*, and acquitted himself with great effect ; Ransford played Seguin's character.

VICTORIA.—Last night, Don Trueba's new Drama, called *The Royal Delinquent ; or, the Triumph of Justice*, was acted, for the first time with decided success. The story is as follows : Don Pedro, King of Castille, (Abbott,) in his pursuit of the mistress of Don Carlos, (Forrester,) kills one of the servants of Lady Beatrix, (Mrs. Oman Hill,) and is summoned by Juan, (Williams,) a *ci devant* farmer, now Chief Justice, to take his trial. At the same time, Carlos, who had joined in a plot against the King, is also to take his trial. Justice triumphs, both are found guilty, but though Carlos is condemned, the Judge declares he has no power over the royal person. On this the King pardons Carlos, and marries him to Beatrix. The applause at the conclusion was universal. Abbott's acting in the King was excellent.

FITZROY THEATRE.—The lessee of this Theatre has produced two successful novelties this week, the first was a petite piece, called *Martial Law* ; the second, a Farce, in two acts, called *The King Incog.* by the editor of *The Figaro in London*. The Farce is extremely amusing, the plot is original, and well worked up, and there is a rich vein of satirical wit throughout the dialogue which would do honor to any dramatist of the day. The Farce has every justice from the clever comic actors of this establishment, and cannot fail to prove highly popular. There are some very strong political allusions in the dialogue, which were eagerly seized upon by the audience, and elicited great applause.

The Duchess of Kent, with an anxious desire to encourage native talent, has been pleased to honor the Vocal Society with her especial patronage, which will ensure great *éclat* to their Concerts this season. The committee have engaged the most eminent performers in the country. Lindley, Willman, Platt, &c.

Mr. Colman has just refused to license a Drama, written by Mr. W. L. Rede. the author of *The Rake's Progress*, and several other successful Dramas, for the manager of the Hull

Theatre. The Drama was called *Captain Ross*, and the refusal of the license was grounded on what Mr. Colman called "Unwarrantably using the name of a *living* individual, and he desired that the author might omit the name of Captain Ross, and only mention him as the Capt. of the Victory, which was done, though Captain Ross and his friends had no objection to his name being used. What has increased the vexation of the Hull manager is that a Minor Theatre of the same place, being unrestrained by a licenser, has brought forward a piece under the title of *Captain Ross*, unmolested, and which has proved very attractive. Many of our achievements by sea and land have been dramatised with the greatest effect in London, and very recently "His Grace the Duke of Wellington" has figured away at Astley's, in the Military Spectacle of *The Battle of Waterloo*.

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ADELPHI.—Last night there was a most gorgeous piece produced at this Theatre under the title of *Lurline; or, the Revolt of the Naiades*, and though it has little more than the scenery, dresses and machinery to recommend it, we have no doubt it will prove very attractive, for on Yates making his appearance at the conclusion to give it out for repetition, there were shouts of applause from all parts of the house. Mrs. Keeley made her first appearance here, and had such a wretched part, that it was impossible for her to make any thing of it; she was well received on her *entrée*. Reeve, for a wonder, was perfectly sober, so that he was quite out of spirits, and hardly raised a laugh throughout the piece, though we must say it was as much the author's fault as his.

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The Wedding Gown, My Neighbour's Wife, and St. George and the Dragon, were performed last night to a numerous audience. The design of producing Mehul's Sacred Oratorio of *Joseph and his Brethren*, in Lent, has been abandoned, there will however be musical performances at both houses, *The Israelites in Egypt*, at Covent Garden, and a Sacred Drama at this house, in which Braham will perform ; the subject of Jephtha's rash vow is talked of.

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Drury Lane Theatre.

THE combined attraction of *The Wedding Gown*, and the Spectacle of *St. George and the Dragon*, is so great that they fill this Theatre nightly ; *Mr. and Mrs. Pringle* was the Interlude yesterday evening. One of Jerrold's Dramas has been translated into French, and is about to be produced at the Gymnase Theatre, in Paris. We hear that it is intended to introduce into Byron's Tragedy of *Sadanapalus*, a *tableau vivant* of Martin's celebrated work, the Fall of Nineveh, a bold undertaking, but after what we have witnessed of the magic of Stanfield's pencil, and the tasteful liberality of the management, we have no fears of most complete success.

The question, with regard to the King's Theatre, was decided, on Monday last, in the Court of Review, the Chief Judge dismissing Signor De Begnis's petition that the letting of the Theatre might be still open to competition. It was argued on the part of De Begnis that M. Laporte had offered but £10,000, while the former offered 11,000, with security as unexceptionable as that of M. Laporte. On the part of the assignees, between whom and Laporte the arrangement had been made, it was urged they had done the best for the estate. The mere amount of rent was not the only consideration, the mode of management was of the utmost importance ; any mismanagement might ruin the property for ever. M. Laporte was a trusted lessee and they had given him the preference.

This decision cannot but be gratifying to the musical world, and the frequenters of the Italian Opera, for a more competent or liberal manager than M. Laporte could not be found.

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diers together, under Louis XVI, and were intimate friends.—When Bernadotte, long afterwards, passed as Grand Marshal to the Army of the North, he stopped at Bar le Duc, where Thiebaut lived as a carpenter, and made every effort to find him out, but he was absent. Some years later a teacher of languages at Stockholm, M. Tobari, arrived at a place near Bar le Duc, and hearing that Thiebaut had been a comrade of Bernadotte's, he advised him to write to his Swedish Majesty, offering on his return to Sweden to take the letter. The letter was written, and a short time after the King sent Thiebaut 100 Louis d'or, which instead of being thrown into the Meuse, as has been reported, were applied to the use of his family by the grateful old soldier.

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THE entertainments at this Theatre yesterday evening were Jerrold's Comedy of *The Wedding Gown*, the amusing Interlude of *Petticoat Government*, and the Spectacle of *St. George and the Dragon*.—The house was quite full.

OLYMPIC.—At this Theatre, last night, after *The Welsh Girl*, in which Vestris was all fascination, a new Burletta, in two acts, entitled *Dancing for Life*, was produced, and if continued laughter and applause may be considered as a token of success, then was the Burletta most successful ; it is true that when the curtain dropped a few hisses were heard, but those we conclude proceeded from some of the disappointed half-price gentry, who filled even the lobbies of the Theatre, though they could not get a peep at the stage, so crowded was the house. We understand Mr. Kenny is the author, or rather translator we should think, for it bears evident marks of foreign parentage. The story is briefly as follows : Baron Dunderhoof, (Liston,) having, as his son Maximilian, (Keeley,) elegantly expresses himself, " botched " an affair he had to manage at a Congress, is disgraced at Court, and retires to a country seat to cultivate cabbages like Diocletians, resolving never again to meddle with state affairs. He is tempted, however, by a *rusé* courtier, Subtlewitz, (F. Matthews,) to appear at a *fete* given to the Prince, and is there made a sort of cat's paw, to inform the Prince his clandestine marriage is known. On this the anger of the Prince falls on poor Dunderhoof, who, after being threatened with imprisonment and death, is made to *dance*, that no suspicion may arise of their misunderstanding.

The scene of the ball room, which was the last, was highly effective, and reflects great credit on the stage-manager, J. Vining, for not only was all the company, elegantly dressed, employed in it, but, what we rarely see even on a larger stage, the company appeared as if they really were at a ball, not performing an irksome duty ; there was a continued movement, flirting, coquetting, and all the usages of the world, observed. The Prince is supposed to be forgiven by his father, the Duke of Sax Gotha, he in return forgives Dunderhoof for bringing about the discovery, but Subtlewitz comes in for a place and a pension, while the former is permitted to retire, and (much to his chagrin,) enjoy his *otium cum dignitate*. The dialogue is not without point,

and some of the witticisms told very well; as a specimen, *Maximilian* complaining to *Robinette* of his father's tyranny for making him work in a hothouse with the thermometer at 128 degrees, she says, 'Recollect you owe him your life!' he replies 'I'm liquidating the debt by rapid instalments,' wiping the perspiration from his brow. The piece was not only well got up, but was also admirably acted; Liston was highly amusing where he was dancing for his life, and Keeley, who had nothing to do but drawl and look like a fool, was perfectly at home. Miss Ferguson, as *Robinette*, had but little to do, but that little she did well, and she looked uncommonly pretty in a very picturesque costume; we cannot pay the same compliment to Miss Pincott, for, though she wore a very rich dress, she looked any thing but pretty, and she acted in her usual lackadaisical manner, as if she thought she never got a part worthy her great talents.

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Charles Mathews gave his *At Home* in the Theatre Royal Birmingham, on Monday, to the largest audience that has been seen in that Theatre for some years. The receipts were nearly £250.

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On the night of Friday last, a slight disturbance took place in the Theatre of Ghent. The Play was *The Barber*, in which an actor, named Fay, takes an active part. As soon as this actor appeared, he was assailed with loud hisses, which increased to a regular *charivari*. When silence could be obtained, M. Fay, assured the audience his absence upon a preceding evening was occasioned by *real* indisposition, and he admitted that not being in his "ordinary humor," he might have said something offensive to one individual who was taunting him, but this was not intended for the audience generally. At the end of the piece M. Fay was obliged to enter into fresh explanations. At one time it was thought that the interference of the police would have been necessary for the preservation of the Theatre.

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Covent Garden Theatre.

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On the night of Velluti's first appearance in London, it must be owned he stood a perilous chance. Previous to the rising of the curtain, the manager requested Mr. — to go and offer him the best encouragement he could, Mr. — went, and descanted upon the generosity of the English character, upon Velluti's claims, and reputation, and the merits of *Il Crociato*. Velluti listened with the utmost calmness. When the harangue was concluded, he drew himself up to his utmost height, his fine dark eyes glanced fire, he placed his hand in his bosom, turned towards the speaker, and merely said, with all the dignity he could so well assume, "Son Velluti," (I am Velluti.) His friend skulked away with a feeling between the sense of the sublime and the ridiculous.

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IN our remarks on Jerrold's *Wedding Gown*, the night of its production, we pronounced it to be, in our opinion, as a literary work, inferior to *Nell Gwynne*, and some other of his previous Dramas, and a closet acquaintance with it, has confirmed our opinion, despite its great popularity. It was repeated last night to a full house, with *My Neighbour's Wife*, and *St. George and the Dragon*.

OLYMPIC.—Notwithstanding the attraction of the present performances at this house, the charming Widow announces another novelty for Monday night *In the Wrong Box*. The principal characters by Keeley, J. Vining, F. Matthews, and Mrs Orger.

VICTORIA.—LAST night a new musical Farce, by Mr. Colliers, entitled *The Blacksmith ; or, a Trip to Gretna Green*, was produced at this Theatre with complete success. The story is not unlike *Gretna Green*, and is briefly as follows : Capt. Darlington having run away with Maria, on arriving at Gretna Green, finds his own valet, under the assumed appellation of Captain Scamper, there before him, and on the point of being rivetted to Lady Pedigree, the aunt of Maria. An *éclaircissement* takes place, Lady Pedigree, grateful for her escape, forgives Maria, and the valet marries a French soubrette. The Farce is lively and amusing, and was well acted, especially by Forrester and Williams, the former as the sham Captain, the latter as *MacRivet*, the forger of fetters. Unmixed applause and laughter attended the entire performance. The Duchess of Kent and the Princess Victoria visited this Theatre on Wednesday evening.

On Wednesday, in the Court of Common Pleas, Mr. Forrester, the comedian, of the Victoria Theatre, brought an action against M. Laporte, the late lessee of Covent Garden Theatre, to recover the balance of an arrear of salary, and compensation for a breach of covenant. It appeared from Mr. Bartley's evidence that he engaged the plaintiff (as the agent of Laporte,) for three years, at a weekly salary of £6 for the first, £8 for the second, and £9 for the third year, (a devilish deal more than he was worth by the by,) but on Mr. Bunn succeeding to the lesseeship, he refused to fulfil the engagement, which Mr. Bartley acknowledged was the first instance, since he had been connected with Theatres, a term of 33 years, in which a party succeeding ano-

ther in the management ever questioned the engagement of an actor previously engaged. Mr. Serjeant Heath, for the defendant, admitted that the plaintiff was entitled to a verdict, but expressed his regret that the amount had not been settled out of court. The jury returned a verdict of Damages £180. Mr. Bartley said, that M. Laporte lost £7000 by his season at Covent Garden.

Last night, at the close of the fourth act of *Robert le Diable*, the machinery, which forms the vault of the cathedral, gave way, and fell with great force upon the head of Nourrit, who was playing the principal character, and so completely stunned him that he was in consequence obliged to relinquish the character for the remainder of the evening. Alexis Dupont went through the close of the fourth act, with the book in his hand, and Lafont appeared in the fifth. It was reported that Nourrit was killed, but we are happy in being able to state that the accident is not likely to be followed by any serious consequences.—*Galignani's Messenger*.

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Drury Lane Theatre.

THE objections which were raised to the production of Scribe's Play have been done away, and it is to be produced under the title of *The Minister and the Mercer* on Saturday night. *On dit* that the French Government gave the author a large sum to write a Play, in which conspiracy should be made ridiculous, and its success has been immense in Paris. Lafitte and Tallyrande are the originals from which Scribe painted his pictures of *Raton* and *Bertrand*, and Samson, at the François, dresses the latter character exactly like the veteran diplomatist. Farren will no doubt make a great deal of the part. Dowton is to be the mercer. On Saturday evening *The Wedding Gown*, *Petticoat Government*, and *St. George and the Dragon*, were acted to a full house.

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MELPOMENE resumed her reign at this Theatre last night, though only for a very brief interval, as her laughter loving sister again displaces her to-night. Macready, the tragedian, *par excellence*, appeared in his great part of *Werner*, in Byron's Tragedy of that name, and acted most inimitably; we never witnessed a performance more profound in conception—more vigorous in execution, than his *Werner*, which is more than we can say for Mr. King's *Ulric*, which is crude, weak, and vulgar. The grand Spectacle followed the Tragedy.

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FITZROY THEATRE.—Since this Theatre has been under the direction of the present active and intelligent lessee, there has been a continued succession of novelties, all of which have been successful, and most of them deservedly so. On Monday night a new piece, in one act, called *Matteo Falconi*, (illustrative of the high sense of honour still existing amongst the natives of Corsica,) was acted for the first time, and excited a most powerful feeling of sympathy in the audience. The story on which the Drama is founded is a true one, and has already been before the public in the shape of a tale, its main incident is, though shocking, very striking, and Mr. Lawrence has made of it an effective Drama. Falconi's son, in the absence of his parents, is bribed by Giavetto to conceal him from the pursuit of the soldiery; a more powerful bribe however induces the boy to betray the fugitive, who, in struggling to escape, is mortally wounded. Just then Matteo and his wife return, and the former, hearing of his son's treacherous conduct, determines to wash out this stain upon the honour of his family, in the blood of his degenerate child, whom he accordingly shoots on the spot. The Drama was exceedingly well got up, and was well acted in all its parts, and will doubtless add to the attraction of this pleasant little Theatre.

ADELPHI.

ON Monday night, another of the successful Dramas, which seem particularly suited to the talents of this company, was produced here, and was favorably received. It is written or translated by little Buckstone, and bears the title of *Isabelle; or, Woman's Life*; there are some humorous and striking situations in the piece, and a good deal of melo-dramatic effect; the serious parts of the business was well sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Yates, and O. Smith, and the comic portion had ample justice from the hands of Mrs. Keeley, J. Reeve, and Buckstone; the lady made

a capital shrew, and Buckstone was her husband, and we have seldom seen glorious John more completely at home than as an actor at a Minor Parisian Theatre, who lets himself out as a model for painters, a character taken from one of Kock's novels: his drunken scene, which he acted to the life, convulsed the audience with laughter. This is one of those Dramas in which 10 or 15 years are supposed to elapse between each act, and its great fault is its tedious length.

"*The Jew which Shakspeare drew.*"—These words were said by Quin, of Macklin, and were intended by Quin as an insult to the *man*, not as a compliment to the *actor*. As a proof that they were so, he is remembered to have said upon another occasion, when speaking of Macklin, "If that man is not a scoundrel, Providence cannot write a legible hand."

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During Velluti's engagement at the King's Theatre, a dispute arose concerning the assumption of the title, "Director of the Music," by Bochsa. It concluded with a skirmish in the newspapers. On the morning when Velluti's letter appeared, he called on a lady, one of his pupils; he asked her if she had seen it, "Yes," she replied, "and with regret, because you have been made to say what I am sure you did not mean." "How so?" "It begins, a certain Mr. Bochsa," now although you write *un certo Signor Bochsa*, the English translation conveys an insult." Velluti immediately drove to the house of Lord Burghersh, ["My Lord," said he, "I am told that my letter bears such an interpretation, is it true?" "It is." "Pray then translate for me as follows," and he dictated a frank avowal that what he had said arose from his ignorance of the English idiom, and added that to offer an insult to any one belonged neither to his disposition nor his education.

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VICTORIA.—A very successful new Melo-Drama has been produced at this Theatre, entitled *Mount St. Bernard; or, the Headsman*; it is founded on Cooper's popular tale called "The Headsman," and the author, Mr. Moncrief, has contrived in his three act Drama to concentrate all the striking incidents of the original story. It opens with the embarkation at the water-gate, with the storm on the lake, (the description of which, is the finest morceau in the novel,) the passage of Mount St. Bernard, the murder of the Burgess, the trial and condemnation of *Maso*, and his preservation and recognition by his father, the Doge; these incidents are well connected, and the whole forms a very interesting Drama. It is admirably got up, the scenery, especially that of the Alps, truly beautiful, and the acting generally speaking good. Abbott, as *Il Maladetto*, played with great energy, and Bruno, the dog, deserves great praise for his good acting. We recommend all those who have read the novel, (and who has not,) to lose no time in seeing the Drama.

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**Covent Garden Theatre.**

LAST night, after the *petite pièce*, called *Blue Devils*, the long talked of grand Ballet, *The Revolt of the Harem*, was produced with the most complete success; from the beginning to the end the applause was unanimous, and in the last scene it was enthusiastic. The Ballet was in three acts: in the first, Ismael returns victorious, and is received with every honor by his sovereign, the King of Grenada. Among the females of the harem, Ismael discovers his betrothed Zulma, but by a sign from her betrays not their intelligence. In the second act, we are treated with a view of the interior of the harem, in which are numbers of beautiful women, variously occupied, some *bathing*, and this part of the exhibition is managed with such delicacy that we fear it will disappoint a certain class; however, certain it is that the most scrupulous cannot object to it on the score of immodesty. The Sultan, at the request of Ismael, gives freedom to all his females, but excepts Zulma, on which Zulma, aided by a fairy, arms all her companions, incites them to revolt, and leads them forth to liberty. The third act opens with a view by moonlight of the Alpuxarras Mountains, where the female warriors are discovered bivouacing by their watch fires; the grouping in this scene, and all the stage arrangements were admirable. The Sultan here by a *ruse* disarms the amazons, but as he is about to punish them, Zulma, with her magic talisman, regains her power, and changes the barren mountains into the grand court of the Fairy's palace, in which, for the amusement of the Sultan, she causes her warriors to go through a variety of military manoeuvres, which they did with such grace and precision, that the audience greeted them with shouts of applause.

On the fall of the curtain, Mr. Bartley announced the Ballet for every evening. The greatest praise is due for the splendour with which this Ballet has been got up, and for the excellent drilling the soldiers must have had to bring them to such a perfect state of discipline; the scenery is worthy the pencil of Gieves, we need say no more in its praise; the music by M.

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Payne, Hall, Hill, Bennett, Perry, Froud, Conway, & Marsano.  
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Tom Tug, Mr H. PHILLIPS,

Who will sing, "*Did you not hear,*" "*Farewell my trim-built  
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Matilda Mowbray . . . . . Miss POOLE!  
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**Drury Lane Theatre.**

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Prince Basil Dolgorouki, Grand Equerry to the Emperor Nicholas, and superintendent of the Russian Theatres, lately married Madlle. Eugénie Forget, a young French actress, who, two years ago, was performing in the vaudevilles at the Theatre of Liege. This alliance has, it is said, given great umbrage to the Emperor, who is dissatisfied at seeing the immense fortune of the Prince bestowed upon a foreigner. The lady's dower is said to be three millions of roubles.

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Lord Saltoun and Lord Burghersh have offered a silver goblet, of the value of ten guineas, for the best approved vocal duet, composed by the musical members of the Melodists' Club. The prize to be awarded at the meeting in June next.

*An Imperial Encore.*—When Cimarosa's Opera of *Il Matrimonio Segreto* was performed before the Emperor Joseph at Vienna, he invited all the singers to a banquet, and then, in a fit of enthusiasm, sent them all back to the theatre to play and sing the whole Opera over again.

It having happened for several successive summers that wet weather took place just as the Vauxhall season commenced, Tom

## THE THEATRICAL OBSERVER.

Lowe, Tyers's principal singer, accidentally meeting the proprietor, expressed an anxious desire to know when he meant to open his Gardens. "Why are you so particular Mr. Lowe?" said Jonathan. "I have a very good reason, Sir, and should like to know the very day." "Why? why?" reiterated Tyers, impatiently. "That I may bespeak a *great coat* to sing in, for you know we shall be sure to have rain."

Sterne, who used his wife very ill, was one day talking to Garrick, in a fine sentimental manner, in praise of conjugal love and fidelity. "The husband" said Sterne, "who behaves unkindly to his wife, deserves to have his house burnt over his head." "If you think so," said Garrick, "I suppose *your* house is insured."

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*With New Music, Scenery, Machinery, Dresses, and Decorations.*

The Music composed by Mons. T. Labarre. The Scenery, by the Mess. Grieve.

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The Decorations, &c. by Mr W. Bradwell, The Dances arranged by M. Anathole.

The Action of the Ballet under the superintendence of Mr. FARLEY.

Mahomet, (King of Grenada) Mr HOWELL,  
Ismael,.....(Commander in Chief).....Monsieur SILVAIN,

Myssouf,..(Chief of the Eunuchs)....Mr W. H. PAYNE,

*Other Eunuchs*, Messrs. Jenkins, Hunt, Brown, &c.

Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,

*Other Pages*, Messrs. Bodman, Myers, Wilt, Arbury, &c.

*Nobles of Mahomet's Court*, Messrs. Brooke, Hilder, &c.

*Priests*, Messrs. J. Cooper, Billing, Harris, Harrington, &c. &c.

*Suite of Ismael, King's Body Guard, Banner Bearers, &c.*

Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX.

Atargul,....(her Companion)....Mademoiselle CELESTE,

Zelika,.....(a Royal Slave).....Mademoiselle VAGON,

Mina, (Faithful Negress to Zulma) Mademoiselle CAVA,

The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Miss KENNETH,

*Attendants on the Genius, Female Slaves, &c.*

*Commander of the Female Army*, Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

*Officers*, Mesdemoiselle Vagon, Ryals, Baseke, Thomasin,

Fairbrother, Lydia, Hunt, Jones, Payne, Marsano, &c. &c.

*Soldiers in the Female Army,*

Mademoiselles Hart, Gorbyn, Vials, Freeman, Mears, Reekie, Hall, Eleanor,

Valancy, Reid, Marchant, Hudson, Connolly, Hatton, Moore, Foster, Hill, Lee,

Russell, Jackson, Perry, Ellis, S. Jackson, Deubeig, Jefferson, Cooke, Jeans,

E. Reed, Lewis, Parker, Sutton, Dawson, Reeves, Fenton, Murray, &c. &c.

In ACT I.

## A GRAND DIVERTISEMENT!

In which will be introduced

*A Pas de Deux*, by Madlle. PAULINE LEROUX, and Monsieur SILVAIN.

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*The Celebrated Pas des Lances, and the celebrated Pas des Lyres.*

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A Vast and Splendid Hall, in the Palace of the Alhambra, opening upon the Court of Lyons. The Bath of the Harem, through which is seen a distant

View of the City of Grenada, and the Embarkation on the River Xenil. A

Pass in the Alpuxarras Mountains, with the Bivouac of the Female Army,

changing to the Gardens of the Genius of the Harem.

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## FRA-DIAVOLO.

Fra-Diavolo, (disguised as the Marquis of San Carlo) Mr WILSON,

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 The Baron Gœlher, (Nephew to the Lord High Admiral,) Mr BRINDAL,  
 Count Berghen, (a Courtier,) Mr DURUSET, Colonel Koller, Mr KING,  
 Raton Burkenstaff, (a Silk Mercer,) Mr DOWTON,  
 Eric Burkenstaff, (his Son,) Mr COOPER, John, (his Shop Boy) Mr WEBSTER,  
 President of the Supreme Court of Justice, Mr YOUNGE,  
 Four of the Supreme Council, Messrs. Burkley, Fisher, Bruce and Field,  
 Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) Mr HONNER,  
 Joseph ..... (Servant to Lord Falkenstein,) ..... Mr IRWIN,  
 Lords, Courtiers, Gentry, Officers, Servants, Mob, Sailors, &c.  
 Marie Julie, ( Queen Dowager, and Mother-in-Law of ) Mrs SLOMAN,  
 ( Christian VII. King of Denmark. )  
 Christine, ..... (Daughter of Lord Falkenstein,) ..... Miss E. TREE,  
 Madame Burkenstaff, Mrs GLOVER.

*In the course of the Comedy will be exhibited*

A Splendid Apartment in the Palace of Christianbourg, (Designed and Executed by Mr. Stanfield.) Interior of Raton Burkenstaff's Shop. Apartment in the House of Lord Falkenstein. Another Saloon in the same House.

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fond, and lighted by an immense skylight; this was a truly royal apartment, and when the folding doors were thrown open a suite of rooms was discovered beyond, unequalled in extent even by the ball rooms in *Gustavus*. The costumes were rich and appropriate, and the whole *mise en scene* was in the best possible taste. The acting generally speaking was good; Farren was a little too elaborate and artificial, and his intonation, especially in the first scene with the *Queen*, was unnaturally sharp; still no other actor could have done so much for the character. Mrs. Sloman looked and played the *Queen* admirably well, and Downton would have been perfection in his part, had he not used a vulgar gesture, for which we have before reprobated him, and for which he was soundly hissed on Saturday night. Mrs. Glover, Ellen Tree, Brindal, Webster and Cooper, were each and all excellent, but Mr. King gets from bad to worse.

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The Tricks, Changes, &c. by Mr. W. Bradwell. The Machinery, by Mr. Sloman.

The Dresses by Mr. HEAD & Mrs. COOMBE.

### **The whole Composed & Arranged by Mr Farley.**

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Town Crier, Mr G. SMITH, Citizens, Messrs Miller, Tett, &c,  
King Rundyundy O, Mr W. H. PAYNE,  
Herald, Mr MEARS, Cupid, (turned Drummer,) Miss POOLE,  
Head Cook, Mr T. MATTHEWS, Prince Percinett, Mr ELLAR,  
Venus, Miss LEE, Old Mother Hubbard, Mr WIELAND,  
The Duchess Griffinwinkleblowsabella, Mr F. SUTTON,  
The Princess Gaciosa, Miss BASEKE, Laundry Maid, Mr LANDWIE,  
Shock, (Mother Hubbard's Dog,) Mast. W. MICHENSON.  
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LAST evening, the Opera of *Gustavus the Third*, and the Pantomime, were performed at this Theatre. To-morrow there will be no performance at either of the Patent Theatres, but on Friday, the Sacred Drama of *The Israelites in Egypt* will be represented here, and on the following Wednesday, the new Sacred Drama, called *Jephthah's Rash Vow* will be produced, in which Mr. Braham, and Madame Feron will appear. Mr. H. Phillips, who has resumed his station at this Theatre, states, with reference to the Canterbury affair, that, at the end of the first act of *The Quaker*, Mr. Dowton proposed to drop the curtain, on account of the thinness of the house, but, upon consideration said *The Quaker* should be finished, and then he would see Mr. Phillips again. At the end of the piece, Mr. Phillips finding that Mr. Dowton was gone to the Catch Club, and under the impression that the above plan was to be carried into effect, left the Theatre leaving the note alluded to, to assist the manager if any explanation were required. In answer to this statement, Mr. Dowton says that at the end of *The Quaker*, Mr. Phillips sent to Mr. Marshall, the stage-manager, desiring that *The Waterman* might be played next, to which he replied that Mr. Dowton had left orders that the pieces were to be played as advertised, when Mr. Phillips immediately left the Theatre, though he was told there was a good box-book for his next performance.



## THE THEATRICAL OBSERVER.

We have great pleasure in recording the following noble instance of the humanity and goodness of heart of Madame Vestris. The late Mr. Shirreff, the principal bass singer of her Theatre, being ill, she desired him to go home, and regularly paid him his salary for 11 weeks, when he died. On hearing of his death, Madame set afloat a subscription in her Theatre, headed by herself, which in a few days amounted to £20, which she sent to the disconsolate widow. Mr. Dowsing succeeded Shirreff, at the Olympic, and like him was obliged to retire from ill health, as in the former case, Vestris again acted the good Samaritan, paying his salary to the day of his death, and collecting for his bereaved family £15. Noble acts of charity worthy imitation.

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Afterwards pop in a few doors higher up to *mon ami*, Palmer, jun. just located from St. James's-st.—his new Dressing Case is positively a '*Portable Toilet*,' "a Travelling requisite"—so pretty—so cheap.—only two King Williams,—Aunt Paulina promises me one for a Christmas Box !!!

My last white hat getting very shabby thought of putting it into mourning, exclaimed "Yes I have set my crown upon a cast, and I will stand the hazard of the dye,"—walked into Perring's, 85, Strand, and found Hats so cheap. so waterproof, and so good, gave up the idea of dying at present, and bought a new one.

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Fairbrother, Lydia, Hunt, Jones, Payne, Marsano, &c. &c.  
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THE caprice of the public is perfectly unaccountable ; last night *The Israelites in Egypt* was performed to a very thin house, though on the whole it was quite as well done as it was last Lent, when the Theatre was crowded to excess nightly ; Miss Betts was the substitute for Mrs Wood, and Miss Inverarity for Miss Shirriff, and in our opinion, and apparently in that of the audience the effect was by no means injured by the change, for the applause was abundant. Mr. Henry sang his music as *Aaron* correctly, and with taste ; and Seguin, H. Phillips, and the rest fully sustained their well earned reputations. The hail-stone chorus, and the beautiful prayer from *Moses in Egitto*, were encored, and the whole went off to the entire satisfaction of those who were present, we wish the number had been greater.

VICTORIA.—Sheridan Knowles's altered Play of *The Blind Beggar of Bethnal Green* is to be brought out at this Theatre on Monday night.

No concern in the whole circle of English enterprise and adventure, exhibits so much of failure, loss, law, and crime, as has been entailed upon the attempt to plant the Italian Opera amongst us. £50,000 were lost in the first seven years, and more than £60,000 by Mr. Ebers, in the same period of his management, almost the last seven. Scarcely a single individual, Mr. Taylor excepted, who passed a great portion of his life in prison, and who declared it was impossible to manage the King's Theatre, when not guarded against the incursions of performers by stone walls, iron-bars and geolars, scarcely a single individual escaped ruin. The most successful managers were Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Yates, who had the house in 1774. Benelle is supposed to have left debts, for *one season*, of at least £40,000.

It appears that a sum little short of a million, besides all the subscriptions and door money, has been sacrificed to the desire of having an Italian Opera. The house was destroyed by fire, and a pamphlet was published, but suppressed, which insinuated that the incendiary was suborned to commit the crime, and then poisoned, lest the secret should be known. M. Laporte, during his first reign as lessee, is stated to have cleared £12,000, but he lost a large sum last season, which loss is mainly to be attributed

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to the enormous salaries he paid his *artistes*. Mr. Monk Mason became a bankrupt in one season at this ill-fated house. M. La-porte, who is undoubtedly the cleverest manager the King's Theatre ever had, has been some time in Paris negotiating with the different *artiste*, but with all his personal endeavours has not yet succeeded in forming his company; the commencement of the season is therefore deferred until Saturday, the 22d inst.

An attack upon the legitimate Drama has commenced in America. A New York paper says "Two lions are engaged for a new Play at our Theatre, and these *stars* are to appear as personages in the Drama." They will no doubt be received with roars of applause.

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My last white hat getting very shabby thought of putting it into mourning, exclaimed "Yes I have set my *crown* upon a cast, and I will stand the hazard of the dye,"—walked into Perring's, 85, Strand, and found Hats so cheap, so waterproof, and so good, gave up the idea of dying at present, and bought a new one.

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The Decorations, &c. by Mr W. Bradwell, The Dances arranged by M. Anathole.

The Action of the Ballet under the superintendence of Mr. FARLEY.

Mahomet, (King of Grenada) Mr HOWELL,

Ismael,.....(Commander in Chief).....Monsieur SILVAIN,

Myssouf,...(Chief of the Eunuchs)....Mr W. H. PAYNE,

*Other Eunuchs*, Messrs. Jenkins, Hunt, Brown, &c.

Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,

*Other Pages*, Messrs. Bodman, Myers, Wilt, Arbury, &c.

*Nobles of Mahomet's Court*, Messrs. Brooke, Hilder, &c.

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*Suite of Ismael, King's Body Guard, Banner Bearers, &c.*

Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Atargul,...(her Companion)...Mademoiselle CELESTE,

Zelika,.....(a Royal Slave).....Mademoiselle VAGON,

Mina, (Faithful Negress to Zulma) Mademoiselle CAVA,

The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Miss KENNETH,

*Commander of the Female Army*, Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

*Officers*, Mesdemoiselle Vagon, Ryals, Baseke, Thomasin,

Fairbrother, Lydia, Hunt, Jones, Payne, Marsano, &c. &c.

*Soldiers in the Female Army,*

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Valancy, Reid, Marchant, Hudson, Connolly, Hatton, Moore, Foster, Hill, Lee,

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Inconsequence of the Bishop of London having interdicted the representation of *Jephthah's Vow*, there was no performance at either of the Patent Theatres last night, nor will there be on the Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent; thus more than 100 families will be really made to *fast*, by being deprived of the means of following their lawful callings. It is an especial hard case for the lessee, who has been at a great expense preparing scenery, dresses, &c. and for Mr. Lacy, who has been occupied the last three months in arranging the music. Whatever may be the opinion of people with regard to Lenten performances, no one can doubt that a Sacred Drama is less objectionable than the ridiculous, nay almost blasphemous mixture of sacred and prophane music, which for many years was performed under the title of Oratorios. By an error of the press, in our yesterday's number, Tuesday was printed for Monday, the day that the Oratorio was rehearsed.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Last night was produced at this Theatre, Sheridan Knowles's new (or rather altered) Play, in three acts, called *The Blind Beggar of Bethnal Green*. We recollect to have seen this Play when it was produced at Drury Lane Theatre some years ago, but our memory will not serve us sufficiently to be enabled to state in what the difference consists in the two versions, it strikes us that the serious part of the business has been considerably abridged, and the comic so lengthened, that that, which was the *under* plot is now become the upper, or principal. The subject is taken from an old Ballad, but though the names of some of the personages are historical, the incidents are purely fiction. *The Blind Beggar* is in reality a Baron, who for some political offence, has his estates confiscated, and who having caused a report of his death to be circulated, lives unknown but as the beggar; his daughter, Bess, captivates the affections of Lord Wilford, who, disguised as a yeoman, also wins her heart, and in the *denouement* he proves to be her own cousin, and her hand is given to him with the consent of her father, who is restored to his rank by Queen Elizabeth. The second, or under plot, consists of the adventures of *Young Small*, who having a soul above buttons, scorns his father's trade of pin-making, and goes forth into the world, as a gentleman, where he contrives to

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marry, as he thinks a lady of rank and wealth, who turns out to be only a poor cobbler's daughter.

The Play was received throughout with unmixed applause, and at its termination, when Knowles came forward to announce it for repetition, he was hailed with shouts; he seemed much affected, and could with difficulty speak, and when some one from the gallery bawled out, "Speak up," he replied "It is difficult to speak up when the heart is full." The Play had the advantage of new and appropriate scenery and dresses, and was well acted. Abbott, as *Young Small*, played admirably, and Miss Jarman threw very great interest into the part of *Bess*. Mrs. Egerton was magnificently dressed as the *Queen*, and looked remarkably well. The Play was followed by Selby's new Farce, called *Frank Fox Phipps*, which is one of the most bustling, amusing bagatelles we have seen for a long time; it elicited great merriment from a crowded house.

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P. S.—Visited a most instructive and amusing Exhibition at the Cosmorama Rooms, 209, Regent Street, the beauties of Chemical Science, illustrated by brilliant experiments.—A decided treat to the lovers of practical & experimental Chemistry.

Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

This Evening, (8th time) a Grand New Fairy Ballet, (in Three Acts,) called The

Revolt of the Harem.

The Music composed by Mons. T. Labarre. The Scenery, by the Mess. Grieve.
The Machinery, by Mr H. Sloman. The Dresses, by Mr Head & Mrs Coombe.
The Decorations, &c. by Mr W. Bradwell, The Dances arranged by M. Anathole.
The Action of the Ballet under the superintendence of Mr. FARLEY.

Mahomet, (King of Grenada) Mr HOWELL,

Ismael, (Commander in Chief) Monsieur SILVAIN,

Myssouf, . . . (Chief of the Eunuchs) . . . Mr W. H. PAYNE,

Other Eunuchs, Messrs. Jenkins, Hunt, Brown, &c.

Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,

Other Pages, Messrs. Bodman, Myers, Wilt, Arbury, &c.

Nobles of Mahomet's Court, Messrs. Brooke, Hilder, &c.

Priests, Messrs. J. Cooper, Billing, Harris, Harrington, &c. &c.

Suite of Ismael, King's Body Guard, Banner Bearers, &c.

Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Atargul, . . . (her Companion) . . . Mademoiselle CELESTE,

Zelika, (a Royal Slave) Mademoiselle VAGON,

Mina, (Faithful Negress to Zulma) Mademoiselle CAVA,

The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Miss KENNETH,

Commander of the Female Army, Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Officers, Mesdemoiselle Vagon, Ryals, Baseke, Thomasin,

Fairbrother, Lydia, Hunt, Jones, Payne, Marsano, &c. &c.

Soldiers in the Female Army,

Mademoiselles Hart, Gorbyn, Vials, Freeman, Mears, Reekie, Hall, Eleanor,
Valancy, Reid, Marchant, Hudson, Connolly, Hatton, Moore, Foster, Hill, Lee,
Russell, Jackson, Perry, Ellis, S. Jackson, Deubeig, Jefferson, Cooke, Jeans,
E. Reed, Lewis, Parker, Sutton, Dawson, Reeves, Fenton, Murray, &c. &c.

In ACT I.

A GRAND DIVERTISEMENT!

In which will be introduced

A Pas de Deux, by Madlle. PAULINE LEROUX, and Monsieur SILVAIN.

A Pas de Deux, by Madlle. VAGON and CELESTE.

A Pas de Trois, by Mademoiselles Pauline Leroux, and Cava, and Mons. Silvain.

In Act II. A GRAND PAS DE TROIS,

By Mademoiselles PAULINE LEROUX, VAGO, and CELESTE.

The Celebrated Pas des Lances, and the celebrated Pas des Lyres.

In ACT III. The GRAND EVOLUTIONS of the FEMALE ARMY!

The following gorgeous Scenery painted by Messrs. GRIEVE, for the occasion :
A Vast and Splendid Hall, in the Palace of the Alhambra, opening upon the
Court of Lyons. The Bath of the Harem, through which is seen a distant

View of the City of Grenada, and the Embarkation on the River Xenil. A

Pass in the Alpuxarras Mountains, with the Bivouac of the Female Army,

changing to the Gardens of the Genius of the Harem.

After which, Auber's Grand Opera of

FRA-DIAVOLO.

Fra-Diavolo, (disguised as the Marquis of San Carlo) Mr WILSON,

Lord Allcash, Mr DURUSET, Giacomo, Mr RANSFORD.

Lorenzo, Mr TEMPLETON,

Matteo, Mr SEGUIN, Beppo, Mr BEDFORD,

Zelina, Miss SHIRREFF, Lady Allcash, Miss INVERARITY.

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Minister & the Mercer

Count Bertrand de Rantzau, (Member of the Council,) Mr W. FARREN,
 Lord Falkenstein, (the Secretary at War,) Mr MATHEWS,
 The Baron Gæther, (Nephew to the Lord High Admiral,) Mr BRINDAL,
 Count Berghen, (a Courtier,) Mr DURUSET, Colonel Koller, Mr KING,
 Ratn Burkenstaff, (a Silk Mercer,) Mr DOWTON,
 Eric Burkenstaff, (his Son,) Mr COOPER, John, (his Shop Boy) Mr WEBSTER,
 President of the Supreme Court of Justice, Mr YOUNGE,
 Four of the Supreme Council, Messrs. Burkley, Fisher, Bruce and Field,
 Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) Mr HONNER,
 Joseph (Servant to Lord Falkenstein,) Mr IRWIN,
 Lords, Courtiers, Geniry, Officers, Servants, Mob, Sailors, &c.
 Marie Julie, (Queen Dowager, and Mother-in-Law of) Mrs SLOMAN,
 (Christian VII. King of Denmark.)
 Christine, (Daughter of Lord Falkenstein,) Miss E. TREE,
 Madame Burkenstaff, Mrs GLOVER.

In the course of the Comedy will be exhibited

A Splendid Apartment in the Palace of Christianbourg. (Designed and Executed by Mr. Stanfield.) Interior of Raton Burkenstaff's Shop. Apartment in the House of Lord Falkenstein. Another Saloon in the same House.

To conclude with (45th time,) a New Grand Spectacle, called

St. George and the Dragon :

St. George, (the Champion of England,) Mr DUCROW,
 St. Andrew, (the Champion of Scotland,) Mr WOOD,
 St. Patrick (the Champion of Ireland,) Mr BAKER,
 St. David, (the Champion of Wales,) Mr FILLINGHAM,
 St. Denis, (the Champion of France,) Mr HATTON,
 St. Anthony, (the Champion of Italy,) Mr G. WOOLFORD,
 St. James, (the Champion of Spain,) Mr COWIN,
 Tom of Coventry (Tinker,) Mr WEBSTER,
 Huge Broadbones, a "Lusty Farrier," Mr TAYLEURE,
 Kaliba, (the Enchantress,) Mrs VINING,
 Dame Durden (a Wealthy Villager) Mrs BROAD
 Kate of Coventry, (her Niece) Mrs FITZWILLIAM.

EGYPTIANS.

Ptolemy (King of Egypt) Mr G. BENNETT,
 Almador, (King of Mexico,) Mr DIDDEAR,
 Princess Sabra, Miss E. PHILLIPS, Letha, Miss H. CAWSE.

SCENE 1.—Abode of the Enchantress. 2.—Grotto of the Senses. 3.—The Enchanted Cavern of the Six Champions. 4.—View near Coventry in the Olden Time. 5.—The Farrier's Forge. 6.—Brazen Pillar on the Seven Roads, (Andrews.) with the Departure of St. George for Egypt! and a Grand Old English Cavalcade! consisting of the Authorities of Coventry, Knights, Squires, Ladies, Pages, Men-at-Arms, Traders, Minstrels, Morris Dancers, &c.

ACT II.—SCENE 1.—Palace of King Ptolemy, in which will be introduced a Grand Divertisement, with preparation for the Marriage, and Sacrifice of the Princess Sabra to the Dragon. 2.—Banks of the Nile. 3.—The Herdsman's Hut. 4.—Pathway leading to the Valley. Mr STANFIELD's Grand Egyptian Diorama, commencing with the Great Cataracts, and Dragon's Haunt by Moonlight, with the celebrated Traditional Fight, between St. George and the Dragon, terminating in the Defeat of the Monster! carried on through the Excavated Temples of Ghirsheh. Caverns of Abou Samboul. Ascent of a Pyramid. Distant View of the City. Interior of the City, with the Grand Triumphal Entry of St. George and the other Champions into the Temple of Memphis, which terminates the Diorama and the Piece.

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Cobent Garden Theatre.

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The Revolt of the Harem, and *Fra Diavolo*.

Drury Lane Theatre.

THE new Comedy of *The Minister and the Mercer* was repeated here last night to an excellent house, with the Spectacle of *St. George and the Dragon*. In consequence of the attraction of the present performances the production of *Sardanapalus* is deferred till after the Easter holidays,

Aburlesque ballet opera, founded upon *The Revolt of the Harem*, is to be produced on Monday at the Fitzroy Theatre, under the title of *The Revolt of the Workhouse*. One of the grand features in the piece is to be the rising of the female ward ; and we understand Mitchell, Oxberry, & Mrs. Brindal, all as the woman paupers, are to dance several new figures, in which the *pas des sabots* will be conspicuous.

Mr. Melrose, the vocalist, died a few days since at Dublin, after a very short illness.

There has been a second revolt of the workmen at the new English Opera House ; sometime ago they struck for an advance of wages, and on Monday they again refused to continue at work without an advance of wages. One of the chief objects of some of the workmen is to procure an equalization of their wages from the masters, besides an advance. The masters object to the first proposition on the ground of the superiority of some of the workmen compared with others. The revolvers had not returned to their allegiance yesterday. If there be a continuation of these interruptions to the progress of the building, we fear Mr. Beazley will be unable to fulfil his contract by the specified time. A sort of gallery will be in front of the lower boxes in the new Theatre, like the *balcon* in the French Theatres, the price of admission to the dress circle is to be 5s. to the upper boxes, 3s.

A new Opera, entitled *The Bravo*, the subject taken from Cooper's popular novel of that name, was produced on Saturday last, at the Theatre Italian, in Paris ; it is a first attempt of a M. Marliani, an Italian refugee, and [is very favorably spoken of by the critics. The part of the *Bravo* was performed by Rubini, and *Violetta*, by Julia Grisi.

The first Italian performer that made any distinguished figure in London was Valentini, a very good singer, but very inferior to many of his almost idolized successors. However he was so great a favorite that his hearers bore with the absurdity of his

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singing his part, *Turnus*, in *Camilla*, all in Italian, while every other character was sung and recited to him in English.

A few years since, a vain old country surgeon obtained a diploma to practice, and called on Dr. Harrington, of Bath, with the important intelligence. At dinner the doctor asked his new brother, if the form of diplomas ran now in the same style as at the early commencement of those honours. "Pray Sir, what might that form be?" says the surgeon, "I'll give it to you," replied our Galen, when stepping to his daughter's harpsichord, he sung the following prophecy of the witches to *Macbeth*:

"He must, he must,
He shall, he shall,
Spill much more blood,
And become worse,
To make his title good."

"That, Sir, was the true ancient mode of conferring a Scotch degree on "*Dr. Macbeth*."

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Mr. & Mrs. YATES AT HOME.

The Entertainments will commence with an Act selected from

Mr. YATES' REMINISCENCES

An ADDRESS, by Mrs. YATES, preparatory to her
Delineation of the Passions!

The Arrangement of the Tableaux, by Mr. OSCAR BYRNE.

FEAR—Scene, The Jungle. The Lion, the Mother and Child. ANGER—
Scene, Wat Tyler's Smithy. Tyler's Vengeance on the Collector. DESPAIR—
Scene, The Dungeon, From Sir Joshua Reynold's Picture of Ugolino.
HOPE—Scene, The Sea Shore. The Sailor's Wife and Children. RE-
VENGE and PITY—Scene, The Sack'd and Burning City. The Prostrate
Warrior and Pity interceding. JEALOUSY—Scene, The Garden. The
Husband, the Lover, and the Wife. MELANCHOLY—Scene, The Convent
Garden. Groupe of Sisters. The BACCHANALS—Scene, Sylvan Land-
scape. Cheerfulness and Joy. Composition from Poussin. Grand Allegorical
Groupe St. Cecilia, surrounded by the Passions!!

Mr. JOHN REEVE

Will give a Grand Serio, Comic, Scena Buffa, al Affettuoso, Maestoso, called

Il Gran' Maestro Signior Strutto,

And will compose on the Stage, an extemporaneous Overture.

The Music composed and selected by Col. Bolsover, of the Horse Marines.

TABLEAU,

CALYPSO and her NYMPHS.

Telemachus, Miss Daly, Mentor, Mr Gallot, Calipso, Mrs Honey.

Mr. YATES will have the honor to introduce to the Public, an
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who, without the Aid of any Instrument, but by the sole power
of the Voice, performs various Airs, accompanying the Me-
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Old Friends with New Faces!!

Character Portraits of Living and Departed Actors, by

Mr. YATES.

GRAND EMBODYMENT,

The Battle of the Amazons.

FROM REUBENS' CELEBRATED PICTURE.

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Royal Victoria Theatre.

This Evening, (3rd time) a New Play, in 3 Acts, called The
Blind Beggar of Bethnal Green.

With New Scenery, Dresses, &c. The Music arranged by Mr. Latham.

Lord Thomas Willoughby, Mr DEBAR,
 Lord Woodville, Mr DOYNE, Lord Wilford, Mr S. KNOWLES,
 Belmont, (his Friend) Mr SELBY, Lord Mayor, Mr T. LEE,
 Albert, (the Blind Beggar) Mr WYNNE,
 Old Small, Mr WILLIAMS, Young Small, (his Son) Mr ABBOTT,
 Peter, (Servant to Old Small) Mr LATHAM,
 Strap, Mr CHIPPENDALE, Chaplain, Mr MILDENHALL,
 Ralph, (Son to the Hostess) Mr FORRESTER,
 Last, }
 Mortice, } Suitors to Bess }
 Mallet, } Mr ROSS,
 Mr HEATH,
 Mr ADDISON.

First and Second Citizens, Mr YOUNG, Mr KERRIDGE,
 Queen Elizabeth, Mrs EGERTON,
 Emma, (the Beggar's Wife) Mrs ORMAN HILL,
 Kate, Miss P. HORTON, Mrs Thrifty, Mrs GARRICK,
 Bess, (the Beggar's Daughter) Miss JARMAN,

In the course of the Play the following new Scenes, by Messrs. Hilliard, &c.
 St. Paul's in 1576. A Chamber in Old Small's House. Temple Bar in Queen
 Elizabeth's Reign, in which will take place a Grand Procession and Entry
 of Queen Elizabeth into the City of London, the Queen on Horseback attended
 by her Nobles, Heralds, Beefeaters, Pages, Gentlemen Pensioners, &c. &c.
 Kitchen at the Queen's Arms. The Bar and Tap. The outside of the Queen's
 Arms.

After which, an original Farce, in One Act, called

Frank Fox Phipps, Esq.

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 Peter Popkins, Mr WILLIAMS, Spicy, Mr LATHAM,
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 Thomas, Mr ADDISON, William & John, Mess. Kerridge & Heath,
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 Miss Popkins, Miss P. HORTON, Fanny Fritter, Miss HORTON.

The ROYAL GALLOPADE, by the whole Corps de Ballet.

To conclude with, the new Drama, in 3 Acts, called

Mount St. Bernard: Or, THE HEADSMAN.

Melchior de Willading, Mr W. VINING,
 Maso, (the Italian Mariner) Mr ABBOTT,
 Sigismand Steinbnek, Mr FORRESTER, Sig. Grimaldi, Mr WYNNE,
 Peter Hofmeister, (the Bailli of Vevey) Mr WILLIAMS,
 Father Xavier, Mr DOYNE, Pippo, (with a Song) Mr LATHAM,
 Belthazar, (the Headsman) Mr SELBY,
 Conrad, (a Pilgrim) Mr T. LEE, Jaques Colis, Mr DEBAR,
 Baptiste, (Capt. of the Winkelreid) Mr ADDISON,
 Pierre Dumont, (the Guide of St. Bernard) Mr BENDER,
 The Chatelain of Sion, Mr MILDENHALL,
 Adelheid de Willading, Mrs ORMAN HILL,
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The Times, of yesterday, says "There is doubt, it seems, where the odium should lie, (that of prohibiting the performance of Sacred Dramas at the Patent Theatres,) on the Lord Chamberlain, or the Bishop of London. Let some intelligent Member of Parliament, for common respect to property deserves it, bring the question before the House of Commons, so that the blame may rest in the right place. The incident is enough to make us the laughing stock of the whole Continent." We perfectly agree with the writer in *The Times*, for a more ridiculous anomaly cannot be conceived, than, that regular dramatic performances should take place at the Victoria, the Fitzroy, and the Surrey, and that such an olio of ribaldry and fun, as is given at the Adelphi, should be permitted, whilst at the two great National Theatres, the lessee is not even permitted to represent a Drama, taken from the Sacred Writings, set to the divine strains of Handel. The Minors under these circumstances need not be envious of the monopoly of the Majors. We have heard that when the lessee, disappointed at not being able to perform *Jephthah's Vow*, proposed to resume the custom of giving Concerts, yecept Oratorios, on Wednesdays and Fridays, this also was objected to, so that he had no choice, but was obliged to close his Theatres, though at all risks, he would have attempted something to give employment to the many persons who are thus deprived of the means of procuring themselves a bit of salt fish to fast withal during Lent. One would have thought that the Bishops would have hesitated ere they had ventured on a measure so likely to increase their unpopularity, and it is certain they are not at the present moment in *la plus bonne odeur*.

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A certain comic actor, who lately lost his wife, as he was returning from the funeral, which took place at a village church in the environs of town, was met by a friend, who assuming a sorrowful countenance, asked him how he found himself? "Oh," replied the *widower*, "I am very well at present, this little walk has set me up; there is nothing like country air."

When Nollekens, the sculptor, was at Rome, in 1760, he was recognised by Garrick with the familiar exclamation of "What! let me look at you, are you the little fellow to whom we gave the prizes at the Society of Arts?" "Yes, Sir," being the answer, Garrick invited him to breakfast the following morning, and set for his bust, for which he paid Nollekens 12 guineas in gold; this was the first bust he ever modelled. Sterne sat to him when at Rome, and that brought him into great notice.

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Myssouf, . . . (Chief of the Eunuchs) . . . Mr W. H. PAYNE,

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Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,

Other Pages, Messrs. Bodman, Myers, Wilt, Arbury, &c.

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Priests, Messrs. J. Cooper, Billing, Harris, Harrington, &c. &c.

Suite of Ismael, King's Body Guard, Banner Bearers, &c.

Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Atargul, (her Companion) . . . Mademoiselle CELESTE,

Zelika, (a Royal Slave) Mademoiselle VAGON,

Mina, (Faithful Negress to Zulma) Mademoiselle CAVA,

The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Miss KENNETH,

Commander of the Female Army, Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Officers, Mesdemoiselle Vagon, Ryals, Baseke, Thomasin,

Fairbrother, Lydia, Hunt, Jones, Payne, Marsano, &c. &c.

Soldiers in the Female Army,

Mademoiselles Hart, Gorbun, Vials, Freeman, Mears, Reekie, Hall, Eleanor,

Valancy, Reid, Marchant, Hudson, Connolly, Hatton, Moore, Foster, Hill, Lee,

Russell, Jackson, Perry, Ellis, S. Jackson, Deubeig, Jefferson, Cooke, Jeans,

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View of the City of Grenada, and the Embarkation on the River Xenil. A

Pass in the Alpuxarras Mountains, with the Bivouac of the Female Army,

changing to the Gardens of the Genius of the Harem.

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SCAN. MAG.

Mr Theodore Singleton, Mr BARTLEY, Edward Singleton, Mr WARDE,

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Drury Lane Theatre.

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Diorama, Regent's Park.—On Saturday we attended the private view of the two new subjects, which are opened to the public to-day ; they are both painted by M. Bouton, and they are both glorious specimens of the art. The first is a view of that most beautiful and extensive Ruin of the pride of the monastic ages, the Abbey de Fontibus, or Fountain's Abbey, in Yorkshire ; it is exquisitely painted, the sky particularly so, and the calm soft light of the moon falling on the broken columns, and streaming through the arched windows, is admirably managed. The phenomenon of an eclipse of the moon is introduced here with great effect. The second picture is a view of the Crypt of the Cathedral of St. Denis, and is, in our opinion, the most perfect specimen of the dioramic art which has ever been exhibited ; it is the triumph of M. Bouton's pencil ; one is tempted to believe that the massy columns are as palpable to feeling as to sight, and the perspective is so skilfully managed that it is impossible to fancy one looks on a flat surface ; the delusion is heightened by the solemn pealing of an organ, which is heard in subdued notes as if playing in the choir above. These views cannot fail to prove attractive.

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Folies, Mlles. Thomasin, Fairbrother, Fenton, Ryals, &c. &c.
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Der Freischutz.

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Hermit, Mr S. JONES, Kilian, Mr TAYLEURE,
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FITZROY.—It is very long since we have been so much amused, or laughed so heartily, as at this Theatre last night, in witnessing the first representation of a Burlesque Extravaganza called *The Revolt of the Workhouse*. It is a most clever and humorous travestie of *The Revolt of the Harem*, all the incidents of which are burlesqued in the happiest manner. It opens with a view of the Interior of the Workhouse, and a grand hop of the female paupers, in which Mrs. Brindal, as an Irish basket-woman, burlesques Taglioni's style of dancing with surprising cleverness, and Oxberry, as a black female pauper, imitates Celeste with equal skill ; [their] exertions were rewarded with shouts of applause. For the bath, we have a large sink, with the paupers washing, and instead of lances, beadles' staffs arise, which are afterwards converted into brooms. The last scene represents the *snooze* of the *Amazons*, who in policemen's coats, armed with staffs, go through some evolutions with amazing precision, and afterwards floor a band of the Police. Every one who has seen the Covent Garden Ballet, ought to see this Burlesque, which cannot fail to amuse them. It was admirably well got up, and every part was well acted. Hughes, Mitchell, Manders, and Perry, were highly comic, and Miss Crisp sang very sweetly ; a good deal of the music [from *Gustavus*, was parodied with excellent effect. There was a fair house, but we trust that the good report which will be given of the *Revolt*, will ensure crowded houses, for every one seemed delighted with it.

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Myssouf,...(Chief of the Eunuchs)....Mr W. H. PAYNE,

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Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,

Other Pages, Messrs. Bodman, Myers, Wilt, Arbury, &c.

Nobles of Mahomet's Court, Messrs. Brooke, Hilder, &c.

Priests, Messrs. J. Cooper, Billing, Harris, Harrington, &c. &c.

Suite of Ismael, King's Body Guard, Banner Bearers, &c.

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Soldiers in the Female Army,

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"Yes if a thing that any fellow hath.

I may forget a diamond, can I find
Another one as rich; but shew me one
That is the paragon of all the mine,
And try if that's forgot, though seen but once!
Say that but once I see a beauteous star,
I may forget it for another star;
But say but once I do behold the sun,
And name the orb will blot its image out.

When *Wilford* hears that *Bess* is about to wed another, his friend exclaims "are you awake," to which *Wilford* replies—

"I am—I am—as one

That long at sea doth pine him sick for land,
And ever dreaming on't, starts up at last,
With the rebound which says his bark has struck
And drowns in sight and very reach of it!

Belmont. Is that the maid?

Wilford. It is. Now wonder at me!

Wouldst thou not ask, sprang ever that from earth,
Look there, and think of an anatomy!
Can lurk the cancer death in such a cheek?
Is not that flower imperishable, as

THE THEATRICAL OBSERVER.

If lodged the virtue of the feigned one
Which never dies—in poet's song yclept
The immortal Amaranth!

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 Old Small, Mr WILLIAMS, Young Small, (his Son) Mr ABBOTT,
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 Strap, Mr CHIPPENDALE, Chaplain, Mr MILDENHALL,
 Ralph, (Son to the Hostess) Mr FORRESTER,
 Last, }
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 Queen Elizabeth, Mrs EGERTON,
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Or, THE HEADSMAN.

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THE WATERMAN

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VICTORIA.—Sheridan Knowles's Play of *The Blind Beggar of Bethnal Green* is progressing most successfully for the managers of this Theatre. We hear that in Passion Week, Messrs. Abbott and Egerton intend to give Oratorios every night, with the exception of Good Friday, and that the orchestra will be filled by many eminent vocal and instrumental performers.

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Mr. & Mrs. YATES AT HOME.

The Entertainments will commence with an Act selected from

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An ADDRESS, by Mrs. YATES, preparatory to her
Delineation of the Passions!

The Arrangement of the Tableaux, by Mr. OSCAR BYRNE.

FEAR—Scene, The Jungle. The Lion, the Mother and Child. ANGER—
Scene, Wat Tyler's Smithy. Tyler's Vengeance on the Collector. DESPAIR—
Scene, The Dungeon, From Sir Joshua Reynold's Picture of Ugolino.
HOPE—Scene, The Sea Shore. The Sailor's Wife and Children. RE-
VENGE and PITY—Scene, The Sack'd and Burning City. The Prostrate
Warrior and Pity interceding. JEALOUSY—Scene, The Garden. The
Husband, the Lover, and the Wife. MELANCHOLY—Scene, The Convent
Garden. Groupe of Sisters. The BACCHANALS—Scene, Sylvan Land-
scape. Cheerfulness and Joy. Composition from Poussin. Grand Allegorical
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Will give a Grand Serio, Comic, Scena Buffa, al Affettuoso, Maestoso, called

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And will compose on the Stage, an extemporaneous Overture

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CALYPSO and her NYMPHS.

Telemachus, Miss Daly, Mentor, Mr Gallot, Calipso, Mrs Honey

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Old Friends with New Faces!!

Character Portraits of Living and Departed Actors, by

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GRAND EMBODYMENT,

The Battle of the Amazons.

FROM REUBENS' CELEBRATED PICTURE.

To conclude with,

THE ARTIST'S DREAM;
Or, Fairy Visions! by Mr H. Childe.

Royal Victoria Theatre.

This Evening, (10th time,) a New Play, in 3 Acts, called The
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With New Scenery, Dresses, &c.

The Music arranged by Mr. Latham.

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Lord Woodville, Mr T. LEE, Lord Wilford, Mr S. KNOWLES,
Belmont, (his Friend) Mr SELBY, Lord Mayor, Mr BENDER,
Albert, (the Blind Beggar) Mr DOYNE,
Old Small, Mr WILLIAMS, Young Small, (his Son) Mr ABBOTT,
Peter, (Servant to Old Small) Mr LATHAM,
Strap, Mr CHIPPENDALE, Chaplain, Mr MILDENHALL,
Ralph, (Son to the Hostess) Mr FORRESTER,
Last, }
Mortice, } Suitors to Bess }
Mallet, } Mr ROSS,
Mr HEATH,
Mr ADDISON.
First and Second Citizens, Mr YOUNG, Mr KERRIDGE,
Queen Elizabeth, Mrs EGERTON,

Emma, (the Beggar's Wife) Mrs OMAN HILL,
Kate, Miss P. HORTON, Mrs Thrifty, Mrs GARRICK,
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In the course of the Play the following new Scenes, by Messrs. Hilliard, &c.
St. Paul's in 1576. A Chamber in Old Small's House. Temple Bar in Queen Elizabeth's Reign, in which will take place a Grand Procession and Entry of Queen Elizabeth into the City of London, the Queen on Horseback attended by her Nobles, Heralds, Beefeaters, Pages, Gentlemen Pensioners, &c. &c. Kitchen at the Queen's Arms. The Bar and Tap. The outside of the Queen's Arms.

To conclude with, the new Drama, in 3 Acts, called

Mount St. Bernard: Or, THE HEADSMAN.

Melchior de Willading,.....Mr W. VINING,
Maso, (the Italian Mariner) Mr ABBOTT,
Sigismund Steinbuck, Mr FORRESTER, Sig: Grimaldi, Mr DOYNE,
Peter Hofmeister, (the Bailli of Vevey) Mr WILLIAMS,
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A certain pretty actress, who is not only very silly but also very loquacious, complained one day to Madame — that she was sadly tormented by her lovers. "Oh, my dear," said Madame to her, with a piquant smile, "it is very easy to get rid of them, you have only to talk!"

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 President of the Supreme Court of Justice, Mr YOUNGE,
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 { Christian VII. King of Denmark.)
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In the course of the Comedy will be exhibited

A Splendid Apartment in the Palace of Christianbourg, (Designed and Executed by Mr. Stanfield.) Interior of Raton Burkenstaff's Shop. Apartment in the House of Lord Falkenstein. Another Saloon in the same House.

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St. George and the Dragon :

St. George, (the Champion of England,) Mr DUCROW,
 St. Andrew, (the Champion of Scotland,) Mr WOOD,
 St. Patrick (the Champion of Ireland,) Mr BAKER,
 St. David, (the Champion of Wales,) Mr FILLINGHAM,
 St. Denis, (the Champion of France,) Mr HATTON,
 St. Anthony, (the Champion of Italy,) Mr G. WOOLFORD,
 St. James, (the Champion of Spain,) Mr COWIN,
 Tom of Coventry (Tinker,) Mr WEBSTER,
 Huge Broadbones, a "Lusty Farrier," Mr TAYLEURE,
 Kaliba, (the Enchantress,) Mrs VINING,
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Matteo,.....Mr SEGUIN, Beppo,.....Mr BEDFORD.

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Drury Lane Theatre.

ON Saturday night, *The Minister and the Mercer*, and *St. George and the Dragon*, attracted a very good house here. Mr. Macready has got leave of absence for three weeks, and appears to-night in Dublin, as *Virginius*.

Covent Garden Theatre.

IN *The Revolte of the Harem*, which was repeated on Saturday night, Miss O'Brien, from the King's Theatre, took the part of *Atargul*, Celeste having gone to the Provinces; she is a pretty girl, (though dreadfully thin,) and a pleasing dancer, and was favourably received. *Fra Diavolo* was the afterpiece.—The house was full. Herrold's charming Opera, *Le Pré aux Clercs*, is in rehearsal here, also a new Farce by Poole.

King's Theatre.

THIS splendid Theatre was opened for the season on Saturday night, with Rossini's beautiful Opera of *La Gazza Ladra*, and the ever charming Ballet of *La Sylphide*. M. Laporte is by no means to be blamed for the unusually late period at which he has commenced his season, indeed, considering how short a time it is since the termination of the law proceedings enabled him to commence his arrangements, and the many impediments which have been thrown in his way, he deserves great credit for the efficient manner in which he has commenced his campaign. He had intended to have introduced Madame Ungher and Ivanhoff to the British public on his opening night, but the director of the Italian Opera, at Paris, refused to give them a *congé* till after Easter; he then tried to procure the valuable services of Madlle. Blasis, and disappointed of her, offered very handsome terms, viz. £600, and half a benefit, for half the season, to Madame Caradori, which that lady unwisely refused. Under these circumstances he had no resource but to engage Madame Feron for *Ninetta*, who is at any rate an accomplished singer, and for whom indeed Rossini composed *La Gazza Ladra*, when she was *la prima donna* at Naples. Curioni, after two years absence, returned to this Theatre in the part of *Gianetto*, and sang as sweetly as ever; he was welcomed as an old favorite. Zucchelli, Guibeli, (who is vastly improved,) Madame Castelli and Mrs. Anderson sustained the other characters sufficiently well. The chorusses and the band have been increased in number, and are highly efficient; the chorus "*Tremate, o, popoli*," was given with great force and precision.

Taglioni, who is only here for three weeks, danced with, if

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possible, more than her usual grace and elegance; she looked and moved the very æriel creature she represented, and was enthusiastically received. Duvernay made her first appearance, at this Theatre, in a *Pas Deux* with Guerinot, and was warmly applauded.—The house was crowded.

VICTORIA.—A new and splendid Burletta is in active preparation at this Theatre for Easter Monday, in which Mr. and Mrs. Yates, and Mr. J. Reeve, of the Adelphi Theatre, will make their first appearances. Mr. Davidge's Benefit, which was to have taken place to-night, has been put off, and is likely to involve Messrs. Abbott and Egerton in a suit at law, as Davidge threatens them with legal proceedings to recover compensation for the loss of this said Benefit. It appears that the proprietor of this Theatre compelled the present lessees to rescind the permission they had given Mr. Davidge to announce his Benefit, on what grounds we know not.

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 Lord Falkenstein, (the Secretary at War,) Mr MATHEWS,
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 Count Berghen, (a Courtier,) Mr DURUSET, Colonel Koller, Mr KING,
 Ratin Burkenstaff, (a Silk Mercer,) Mr DOWTON,
 Eric Burkenstaff, (his Son,) Mr COOPER, John, (his Shop Boy) Mr WEBSTER,
 President of the Supreme Court of Justice, Mr YOUNGE,
 Four of the Supreme Council, Messrs. Burkley, Fisher, Bruce and Field,
 Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) Mr HONNER,
 Joseph (Servant to Lord Falkenstein,) Mr IRWIN,
 Marie Julie, { Queen Dowager, and Mother-in-Law of } Mrs SLOMAN,
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To conclude with, (51st time,) a New Grand Spectacle, called

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 St. Andrew, (*the Champion of Scotland*,) Mr WOOD,
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 St. David, (*the Champion of Wales*,) Mr FILLINGHAM,
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Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

This Evening, (71st time) a Grand Historical Opera, called
Gustavus the Third ;
OR, THE MASKED BALL.

*The Scenery, which is on a scale of Magnitude never before attempted in this country
by Messrs Grieve and Assistants.*

Gustavus the Third, Mr WARDE,
Col. Lillienhorn, Mr TEMPLETON, Count Dehorn, Mr SEGUIN,
The Baron Bjelke, Mr BAKER,
Count D'Essen, Mr PERKINS, Count Ribbing, Mr WILSON,
Captain Ankarstrom, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Oscar, (Favorite Page to the King,) Miss SHIRREFF.
Christian Engleheart, Mr BEDFORD,
Madaue Ankarstrom, Miss INVERARITY,
Arvedson (a Fortune-teller) Mrs FITZWILLIAM.

The following is the order of the New Scenery:

Grand Saloon in the King's Palace—Triumphal Arch of Queen Christina—Interior of Fortune Teller's Abode—Distant View of Stockholm, by Moonlight, from the Place of Public Execution—Norr-malm Square, in Stockholm—Apartment in the House of Ankarstrom—Royal Gardens, with the Fountains of Neptune—The Saloon of the Opera at Stockholm, fitted up for a Masked Ball, in which will be introduced the fashionable German Pas, principal Dancers, Mrs Vining, with Mdlles. Payne, Hall, Hill, Bennett, Perry, Froud, Conway, & Marsano. The celebrated Dance des Folies, principal Folie, Madlle. Cava, Folies, Mlles. Thomasin, Fairbrother, Fenton, Ryals, &c. &c. A Figure Dance by Mr Payne and Mr F. Sutton—The Parisian Gallopade, promenade of the characters, in which will appear nearly the whole of the company of the two Theatres, assisted by above 250 additional members, habited in the most gorgeous varied costumes. The piece will terminate with the Assassination of Gustavus.

To conclude with, Weber's Opera of

Der Freischutz.

Ottocar, (the Prince) Mr YARNOLD,
Hermit, Mr S. JONES, Kilian, Mr TAYLEURE,
Bernhard, Mr SEGUIN, Adolph, Mr TEMPLETON,
Casper, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
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Cobent Garden Theatre.

THE attraction of the Opera of *Gustavus* continues unabated; it was repeated last night with *Der Freischutz*, to an excellent house. Mr. Planché is adapting the Opera of *Le Pré aux Clercs* for this Theatre; his present version will adhere as near as possible to the original, and all Herold's music will be retained; in that which he did for the English Opera company, under the title of *The Court Masque*, he entirely changed the characters and the scene. Mr. Beazley had prepared a Drama from the same original, which was to have been done at Drury; it was entitled *The Abbott's Field*. Jerrold has written a five act Comedy, which Mr. Bunn has accepted.

The King has given a donation of 500 guineas towards carrying into effect the Grand Musical Festival, in Westminster Abbey. His father gave the like sum towards the commemoration of Handel, in 1784.

On Friday evening, Fred. Vining, who is one of the lessees of the Brighton Theatre, took his Benefit there, it being the last night of the season. The performances were *The Housekeeper*, *In the Wrong Box*, and *Open House*, many of the characters in each piece being sustained by their original representatives, as Miss Taylor, Mrs. Humby, Keeley, Brindal, Buckstone, and James Vining, went down expressly to lend their valuable assistance. In the course of the evening Mr. Vining spoke a neat address, in which he gratefully acknowledged they had had a prosperous season, and took leave amidst the plaudits of a house crammed to the ceiling.

The School for Scandal.—The original autograph manuscript

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of Sheridan's Comedy of *The School for Scandal*, was unfortunately destroyed a few days ago. Sir George Chetwynd, to whom it devolved, among other papers, from his ancestor, who was Lord Chamberlain at the time that matchless Comedy was first performed, and to whom it was transmitted to be licensed, sent it a few days ago with a view of preserving so valuable a relic, together with a portrait of the author to Mr. Fairburn's, Duke Street, Adelphi, in order to be handsomely bound, but a fire having unfortunately broken out on Wednesday evening last in the premises, the manuscript was consumed in the flames. It was rendered still more interesting, having several interlineations and emendations, in the hand writing also of Sheridan, which marked the quickness of his conception in improving several passages, which, in their original state, it seemed almost impossible to mend. As a curiosity, the destruction of the manuscript is a literary loss which cannot be repaired.

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Revolt of the Harem.

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The Machinery, by Mr H. Sloman. The Dresses, by Mr Head & Mrs Coombe.

The Decorations, &c. by Mr W. Bradwell, The Dances arranged by M. Anathole.

The Action of the Ballet under the superintendence of Mr. FARLEY.

Mahomet, (King of Grenada) Mr HOWELL,

Ismael, (Commander in Chief) Monsieur SILVAIN,

Myssouf, . . . (Chief of the Eunuchs) . . . Mr W. H. PAYNE,

Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,

Other Pages, Messrs. Bodman, Myers, Wilt, Arbury,

Priests, Messrs. J. Cooper, Billing, Harris, Harrington, &c. &c.

Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Atargul, . . . (her Companion) . . . Miss O'BRIEN,

(From the King's Theatre, her 2nd Appearance.)

Zelika, (a Royal Slave) Mademoiselle VAGON,

Mina, (Faithful Negress to Zulma) Mademoiselle CAVA,

The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Miss KENNETH,

Commander of the Female Army, Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Officers, Mesdemoiselle Vagon, Ryals, Baseke, Thomasin,

Fairbrother, Lydia, Hunt, Jones, Payne, Marsano, &c. &c.

In ACT I.

A GRAND DIVERTISEMENT!

In which will be introduced

A Pas de Deux, by Madlle. PAULINE LEROUX, and Monsieur SILVAIN.

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A Pas de Trois, by Mademoiselles Pauline Leroux, and Cava, and Mons. Silvain.

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By Mademoiselles PAULINE LEROUX, VAGO, and O'BRIAN.

The Celebrated Pas des Lances, and the celebrated Pas des Lyres.

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The following gorgeous Scenery painted by Messrs. GRIEVE, for the occasion:

A Vast and Splendid Hall, in the Palace of the Alhambra, opening upon the Court of Lyons. The Bath of the Harem, through which is seen a distant

View of the City of Grenada, and the Embarkation on the River Xenil. A

Pass in the Alpuxarras Mountains, with the Bivouac of the Female Army,

changing to the Gardens of the Genius of the Harem.

After which, Dibdin's Musical Piece, called

THE WATERMAN

Tom Tug, Mr H. PHILLIPS,

Who will sing, "Did you not hear," "Farewell my trim-built Wherry," and "The Sea, the Sea."

Robin, Mr HARLEY, Mr Bundle, Mr BLANCHARD, Wilhelmina, Miss SHIRREFF, Mrs Bundle, Mrs C. JONES.

To conclude with, the Comic Entertainment of

DEAF AS A POST.

Tristram, Mr HARLEY, Captain Templeton, Mr COOPER, Old Walton, Mr AYLIFFE, Crupper, Mr HUGHES, Gallop, Mr TURNOUR,

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- **Cobent Garden Theatre.**

THE performances at this Theatre last night were *The Revolt of the Harem*, *The Waterman*, and *Deaf as a Post*. Mr. Bunn intends to witness the performance of Mayerbeer's new forthcoming Opera, founded on Victor Hugo's *Notre Dame*, before he returns to England, with an idea of bringing it out here should its success in Paris warrant the attempt.

Drury Lane Theatre.

YESTERDAY evening *The Minister and the Mercer*, and *St. George and the Dragon*, attracted a very good house. When Scribe was requested to write a Comedy in ridicule of conspiracies he chose the subject of Struensee, although Michael Beer had previously made Struensee the hero of a Tragedy, which was dedicated to the King of Bavaria, under whose auspices the Play was produced. Scribe however has fulfilled his task in such an able manner, as to take away no jot of originality. He has worked up the portrait of the wily politician *Bertrand* with consummate ability, and that of the gullible would be-conspirator *Raton* is equally clever.

The first Oratorio performed in London was at the Lincoln's Inn Field's Theatre, in 1732. On June 10th, in the same year, the Serenata of *Acis and Galatea* was performed at the Italian Opera House, in English, by Italian performers, with rocks, groves, fountains, and grottoes; amongst which were disposed a chorus of nymphs and shepherds, with dresses and every other decoration suited to the subject.

In our elder dramatists we have frequent mention of the custom of converting skulls into drinking cups. In Middleton's *Witch*, when the *Duke* takes a bowl, and is told it is a skull, he replies,

" Call it a soldier's cup ;

Our Duchess I know will pledge us, tho' the cup,
 Was once her father's head, which as a trophy,
 We'll keep till death."

Massinger has frequent allusions to this custom, and in Dekker's *Wonder of a Kingdom*, *Torrenti* say—

" Would I had ten thousand soldiers' heads,
 Their skulls set all in silver, to drink healths
 To his confusion who first invented war."

Christiana, Queen of Sweden, instead of a night cap, always

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enveloped her head with a towel. One night, being unable to sleep, she ordered music in her chamber, and had the curtains drawn over her bed, but enchanted with some part of the performance, she thrust her head through the curtains, and screamed "*Mort diables. qu'ils chantent bien.*" The musicians were so terrified at her ugliness and uncouth head-gear, that they ran away.

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 Belmont, (his Friend) Mr SELBY, Lord Mayor, Mr BENDER,
 Albert, (the Blind Beggar) Mr DOYNE,
 Old Small, Mr WILLIAMS, Young Small, (his Son) Mr ABBOTT,
 Peter, (Servant to Old Small) Mr LATHAM,
 Strap, Mr CHIPPENDALE, Chaplain, Mr MILDENHALL,
 Ralph, (Son to the Hostess) Mr FORRESTER,
 Last, }
 Mortice, } Suitors to Bess }
 Mallet, } Mr ROSS,
 Mr HEATH,
 Mr ADDISON.

First and Second Citizens, Mr YOUNG, Mr KERRIDGE,
 Queen Elizabeth, Mrs EGERTON,
 Emma, (the Beggar's Wife) Mrs OMAN HILL,
 Kate, Miss P. HORTON, Mrs Thrifty, Mrs GARRICK,
 Bess, (the Beggar's Daughter) Miss JARMAN,

In the course of the Play the following new Scenes, by Messrs. Hilliard, &c.
 St. Paul's in 1576. A Chamber in Old Small's House. Temple Bar in Queen
 Elizabeth's Reign, in which will take place a Grand Procession and Entry
 of Queen Elizabeth into the City of London, the Queen on Horseback attended
 by her Nobles, Heralds, Beefeaters, Pages, Gentlemen Pensioners, &c. &c.
 Kitchen at the Queen's Arms. The Bar and Tap. The outside of the Queen's
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The ROYAL GALLOPADE, by the whole Corps de Ballet.

To conclude with, the new Drama, in 3 Acts, called

Mount St. Bernard: Or, THE HEADSMAN.

Melchior de Willading, Mr W. VINING
 Maso, (the Italian Mariner) Mr ABBOTT,
 Sigismund Steinbnck, Mr FORRESTER, Sig. Grimaldi, Mr DOYNE,
 Peter Hofmeister, (the Bailli of Vevey) Mr WILLIAMS,
 Father Xavier, Mr WILLOUGHBY, Pippo, Mr LATHAM,
 Belthazar, (the Headsman) Mr SELBY,
 Conrad, (a Pilgrim) Mr T. LEE, Jaques Colis, Mr DEBAR,
 Baptiste, (Capt. of the Winkelreid) Mr ADDISON,
 Pierre Dumont, (the Guide of St. Bernard) Mr BENDER,
 The Chatelain of Sion, Mr MILDENHALL,
 Adelheid de Willading, Mrs OMAN HILL,
 Christine, Miss HORTON, Jaennette, Miss P. HORTON.

Theatre Royal, Adelphi.

Mr. & Mrs. YATES AT HOME.

The Entertainments will commence with an Act selected from

Mr. YATES' **REMINISCENCES**

An ADDRESS, by Mrs. YATES, preparatory to her

Delineation of the Passions !

The Arrangement of the Tableaux, by Mr. OSCAR BYRNE.

FEAR—Scene, The Jungle. The Lion, the Mother and Child. ANGER—Scene, Wat Tyler's Smithy. Tyler's Vengeance on the Collector. DESPAIR—Scene, The Dungeon, From Sir Joshua Reynold's Picture of Ugolino. HOPE—Scene, The Sea Shore. The Sailor's Wife and Children. REVENGE and PITY—Scene, The Sack'd and Burning City. The Prostrate Warrior and Pity interceding. JEALOUSY—Scene, The Garden. The Husband, the Lover, and the Wife. MELANCHOLY—Scene, The Convent Garden. Groupe of Sisters. The BACCHANALS—Scene, Sylvan Landscape. Cheerfulness and Joy. Composition from Poussin. Grand Allegorical Groupe St. Cecilia, surrounded by the Passions !!

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The Music composed and selected by Col. Bolsover, of the Horse Marines.

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CALYPSO and her NYMPHS.

Telemachus, Miss Daly, Mentor, Mr Gallot, Calipso, Mrs Honey;

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As Herold's Opera of *Le Pré aux Clercs* is about to be produced at Covent Garden, the following account of the spot where the scene is laid, may not be unacceptable to our readers. We copy it from "Browning's History of the Hugonots."

"In 1559, the most frequented promenade, in Paris, was *Le Pré aux Clercs*, situated where a part of the Faubourg St. Germain is at present. The students of the University were generally in favour of the reformed religion, & publicly defended its principles. They had been in the habit of meeting at this place for several years, and the monks of the Abbey St. Victor having refused to let them assemble any more in the *Pré aux Clercs*, a serious affair sprung out of the refusal, and several rencounters took place, in which blood was shed ; the students being the most numerous, carried their point, the monks resigned the field to them, and the *Pré aux Clercs* was more than ever frequented. It became the grand rendezvous of all the Protestants, who would sing psalms during the summer evenings ; and such numbers giving confidence many persons declared themselves Protestants whose rank had hitherto deterred them from such a step. Among them, the most eminent was Anthony of Bourbon, first prince of the blood, and, in right of his wife, King of Bavaria.

The theatrical reporter, for a certain journal, was boasting the other day at a party that he was a dispenser of *fame* to those on whom he wrote. "Yes, Sir," replied an actor who heard him, "you dispense it so liberally that you leave none for yourself."

An author left a Comedy with Foote for perusal, and on the next visit asked for his judgment on it, with rather an ignorant degree of assurance. "If you looked a little more to the grammar of it, I think," said Foote, "it would be better." "To the grammar of it, Sir! what! would you send me to school again?" "And pray Sir" rejoined the facetious Comedian very gravely, "would that do you any harm?"

Some time after Napoleon's return to Paris, in 1815, as he was passing the troops in review at the Place Carousel, he happened to see the celebrated actress, Madlle. Mars, stationed among the crowd, in order to view the imposing military spectacle. The Emperor, approaching the spot and addressing her, said, "What do you do here Mademoiselle? this is no place for you." "Sire," answered the witty and animated daughter of Thalia, "I come to behold a *real* hero, I am sick of seeing *mock* ones on the stage."

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 Lord Falkenstein, (the Secretary at War,) Mr MATHEWS,
 The Baron Gœlher, (Nephew to the Lord High Admiral,) Mr BRINDAL,
 Count Berghen, (a Courtier,) Mr DURUSET, Colonel Koller, Mr KING,
 Raton Burkenstaff, (a Silk Mercer,) Mr DOWTON,
 Eric Burkenstaff, (his Son,) Mr COOPER, John, (his Shop Boy) Mr WEBSTER,
 President of the Supreme Court of Justice, Mr YOUNGE,
 Four of the Supreme Council, Messrs. Burkley, Fisher, Bruce and Field,
 Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) Mr HONNER,
 Joseph (Servant to Lord Falkenstein,) Mr IRWIN,
 Marie Julie, (Queen Dowager, and Mother-in-Law of) Mrs SLOMAN,
 (Christian VII. King of Denmark.)
 Christine, (Daughter of Lord Falkenstein,) Miss E. TREE,
 Madame Burkenstaff, Mrs GLOVER.

In the course of the Comedy will be exhibited

A Splendid Apartment in the Palace of Christianbourg, (Designed and Executed by Mr. Stanfield.) Interior of Raton Burkenstaff's Shop. Apartment in the House of Lord Falkenstein. Another Saloon in the same House.

To conclude with (53d time,) a New Grand Spectacle, called

St. George and the Dragon :

St. George, (the Champion of England,) Mr DUCROW,
 St. Andrew, (the Champion of Scotland,) Mr WOOD,
 St. Patrick (the Champion of Ireland,) Mr BAKER,
 St. David, (the Champion of Wales,) Mr FILLINGHAM,
 St. Denis, (the Champion of France,) Mr HATTON,
 St. Anthony, (the Champion of Italy,) Mr G. WOOLFORD,
 St. James, (the Champion of Spain,) Mr COWIN,
 Tom of Coventry (Tinker,) Mr WEBSTER,
 Huge Broadbones, a "Lusty Farrier," Mr TAYLEURE,
 Kaliba, (the Enchantress,) Mrs VINING,
 Dame Durden (a Wealthy Villager) Mrs BROAD,
 Kate of Coventry, (her Niece) Mrs FITZWILLIAM.

EGYPTIANS.

Ptolemy (King of Egypt) Mr G. BENNETT,
 Almador, (King of Mexico,) Mr DIDDEAR,
 Princess Sabra, Miss E. PHILLIPS, Letha, Miss H. CAWSE.

SCENE I.—Abode of the Enchantress. 2.—Grotto of the Senses. 3.—The Enchanted Cavern of the Six Champions. 4.—View near Coventry in the Olden Time. 5.—The Farrier's Forge. 6.—Brazen Pillar on the Seven Roads, (Andrews.) with the Departure of St. George for Egypt! and a Grand Old English Cavalcade! consisting of the Authorities of Coventry, Knights, Squires, Ladies, Pages, Men-at-Arms, Traders, Minstrels, Morris Dancers, &c.

AQT II.—SCENE I.—Palace of King Ptolemy, in which will be introduced a Grand Divertisement, with preparation for the Marriage, and Sacrifice of the Princess Sabra to the Dragon. 2.—Banks of the Nile. 3.—The Herdsman's Hut. 4.—Pathway leading to the Valley. Mr STANFIELD's Grand Egyptian Diorama, commencing with the Great Cataracts, and Dragon's Haunt by Moonlight, with the celebrated Traditional Fight, between St. George and the Dragon, terminating in the Defeat of the Monster! carried on through the Excavated Temples of Ghirsheh. Caverns of Abou Samboul. Ascent of a Pyramid. Distant View of the City. Interior of the City, with the Grand Triumphant Entry of St. George and the other Champions into the Temple of Memphis, which terminates the Diorama and the Piece.

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The Music composed by Mons. T. Labarre. The Scenery, by the Mess. Grieve.

The Machinery, by Mr H. Sloman. The Dresses, by Mr Head & Mrs Coombe.

The Decorations, &c. by Mr W. Bradwell. The Dances arranged by M. Anathole.

The Action of the Ballet under the superintendence of Mr. FARLEY.

Mahomet, (King of Grenada) Mr HOWELL,

Ismael, (Commander in Chief) Monsieur SILVAIN,

Myssouf, . . . (Chief of the Eunuchs) . . . Mr W. H. PAYNE,

Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,

Other Pages, Messrs. Bodman, Myers, Wilt, Arbury,

Priests, Messrs. J. Cooper, Billing, Harris, Harrington, &c. &c.

Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Atargul, (her Companion) . . . Miss O'BRIEN,

(From the King's Theatre, her 3rd Appearance.)

Zelika, (a Royal Slave) Mademoiselle VAGON,

Mina, (Faithful Negress to Zulma) Mademoiselle CAVA,

The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Miss KENNETH,

Commander of the Female Army, Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Officers, Mesdemoiselle Vagon, Ryals, Baseke, Thomasin,

Fairbrother, Lydia, Hunt, Jones, Payne, Marsano, &c. &c.

Soldiers in the Female Army,

Mademoiselles Hart, Gorbun, Vials, Freeman, Mears, Reekie, Hall, Eleanor,

Valancy, Reid, Marchant, Hudson, Connolly, Hatton, Moore, Foster, Hill, Lee,

Russell, Jackson, Perry, Ellis, S. Jackson, Deubeig, Jefferson, Cooke, Jeanne,

E. Reed, Lewis, Parker, Sutton, Dawson, Reeves, Fenton, Murray, &c. &c.

In ACT I.

A GRAND DIVERTISEMENT!

In which will be introduced

A Pas de Deux, by Madlle. PAULINE LEROUX, and Monsieur SILVAIN.

A Pas de Deux, by Madlle. VAGON and O'BRIEN.

A Pas de Trois, by Mademoiselles Pauline Leroux, and Cava, and Mons. Silvain.

In Act II. A GRAND PAS DE TROIS,

By Mademoiselles PAULINE LEROUX, VAGO, and O'BRIAN.

The Celebrated Pas des Lances, and the celebrated Pas des Lyres.

In ACT III. The GRAND EVOLUTIONS of the FEMALE ARMY!

The following gorgeous Scenery painted by Messrs. GRIEVE, for the occasion:

A Vast and Splendid Hall, in the Palace of the Alhambra, opening upon the Court of Lyons. The Bath of the Harem, through which is seen a distant

View of the City of Grenada, and the Embarkation on the River Xenil. A

Pass in the Alpuxarras Mountains, with the Bivouac of the Female Army,

changing to the Gardens of the Genius of the Harem.

After which, Auber's Grand Opera of

FRA-DIAVOLO.

Fra-Diavolo, (disguised as the Marquis of San Carlo) Mr WILSON,

Lord Allcash, Mr DURUSET, Giacomo, Mr RANSFORD.

Lorenzo, Mr TEMPLETON,

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Cobent Garden Theatre.

THE Ballet of *The Revolt of the Harem*, and the Opera of *Fra Diavolo*, were repeated here last evening to a very good house. On Tuesday Miss Poole will sustain for the first time the character of *Apollo*, in the Burletta of *Midas*.

FITZROY.—An amusing lively petite piece, called *The Newspaper*, has been added this week to the list of novelties at this Theatre, it is an original composition, and is we hear the *coup d'essai* of another aspirant for fame as a dramatist. The title of the piece is taken from the incident of a young gallant being attracted to the residence of a lady, by whom he has been smitten at the Theatre, by reading in a morning journal a paragraph warning him to avoid the house to which it is the object of the artifice to lead him. This bagatelle is extremely well played, but Mrs. Brindal deserves especial praise. It surprises us that Mr. Morris never secured the services of this versatile and clever actress for his Theatre; she would have been invaluable to him, and as her husband has been engaged there for several seasons, she doubtless would have been too happy to have been engaged.

Braham and J. Wallack have been performing at the Bristol Theatre to very good houses.

We have great pleasure in stating that the MS. copy of Sheridan's charming Comedy of *The School for Scandal*, the supposed destruction of which by fire at Mr. Fairburn's, the book-binder, we so lately announced, was discovered on Wednesday, on removing some of the ruins, and though greatly injured, capable of being restored by inlaying and mounting. Sir George Chetwynd, to whom the MS. belongs, is delighted at having regained his lost treasure even in its mutilated state. Many parts of the Comedy as originally written, are varied in the acting copies. The character of *Miss Verjuice* is consolidated with that of *Lady Sneerwell*, and there are many minor alterations, which are curious and interesting to the admirers of the Drama.

The passion of De Luc, the natural philosopher, for music was so predominant in his latter days that a piano was placed by his bedside, on which his daughter played great part of the day. The

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evening of his death, seeing her father ready to sink into a slumber, she asked "Shall I play any more Sir?" "Keep playing, (said he,) keep playing." He slept, but woke no more."

Garrick and Hogarth sitting together one evening, mutually lamented the want of a picture of Fielding. "I think," said Garrick, "I could make his face," which he did accordingly.—"For heaven's sake hold David, (said Hogarth,) remain as you are for a few minutes." Garrick did so, while Hogarth sketched the outlines, which were afterwards finished from their mutual recollection, and this drawing was the original of all the portraits we have at present of the admired author of *Tom Jones*.

Charles Bannister, that inveterate punster, coming into a coffee-house one stormy night, said, he never saw such a wind. "Saw a wind," remarked a friend "what was it like?" "Like," answered Charles, "like to have blown my hat off!"

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The Arrangement of the Tableaux, by Mr. OSCAR BYRNE.

FEAR—Scene, The Jungle. The Lion, the Mother and Child. ANGER—Scene, Wat Tyler's Smithy. Tyler's Vengeance on the Collector. DESPAIR—Scene, The Dungeon. From Sir Joshua Reynold's Picture of Ugolino. HOPE—Scene, The Sea Shore. The Sailor's Wife and Children. REVENGE and PITY—Scene, The Sack'd and Burning City. The Prostrate Warrior and Pity interceding. JEALOUSY—Scene, The Garden. The Husband, the Lover, and the Wife. MELANCHOLY—Scene, The Convent Garden. Groupe of Sisters. The BACCHANALS—Scene, Sylvan Landcape. Cheerfulness and Joy. Composition from Poussin. Grand Allegorical Groupe St. Cecilia, surrounded by the Passions !!

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The Music composed and selected by Col. Bolsover, of the Horse Marines.

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The Battle of the Amazons.

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To conclude with,

THE ARTIST'S DREAM;

Or, Fairy Visions! by Mr H. Childe.

Royal Victoria Theatre.

This Evening, (14th time,) a New Play, in 3 Acts, called The

Blind Beggar of Bethnal Green.

With New Scenery, Dresses, &c.

The Music arranged by Mr. Latham

Lord Thomas Willoughby, Mr DEBAR,
Lord Woodville, Mr T. LEE, Lord Wilford, Mr S. KNOWLES,
Belmont, (his Friend) Mr SELBY, Lord Mayor, Mr BENDER,
Albert, (the Blind Beggar) Mr DOYNE,
Old Small, Mr WILLIAMS, Young Small, (his Son) Mr ABBOTT,
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Last, }
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First and Second Citizens, Mr YOUNG, Mr KERRIDGE,
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St. Paul's in 1576. A Chamber in Old Small's House. Temple Bar in Queen Elizabeth's Reign, in which will take place a Grand Procession and Entry of Queen Elizabeth into the City of London, the Queen on Horseback attended by her Nobles, Herald, Beefeaters, Pages, Gentlemen Pensioners, &c. &c. Kitchen at the Queen's Arms. The Bar and Tap. The outside of the Queen's Arms.

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Royal Musical Festival, Westminster Abbey.—The noble Directors of this Festival are indefatigable in their vocation, and all is going on smoothly, so that in a short time some particulars of the arrangements will be announced. Respecting the nature of the performances, it is contemplated, at present, to give two, consisting of selections from the works of the most celebrated composers who are now no more, and Handel's Oratorio of *The Israelites in Egypt* complete ; also, by command of Her Majesty, *The Messiah*, which in all will occupy eight days, namely four rehearsals, and four performances. Sir George Smart, the conductor, is in the daily receipt of offers of vocal and instrumental assistance from all parts of the country, but the available talent in London and the neighbourhood is so great that very little aid will be required from places at a distance, particularly in the instrumental department. What a sublime thing it will be to hear Handel's choruses by an orchestre consisting of between six and seven hundred efficient vocal and instrumental performers.

A lady who had been a pupil of that distinguished professor of dancing, Marcel, and remained subsequently his steady and zealous friend, succeeded in obtaining for him, from the government, a pension for life. In her great joy at having such a boon to put into his possession, she advanced to him, the certificate in her hand, with a hurried and anxious step, when M. Marcel, shocked at the style of presentation, struck the paper out of her hand, demanding if she had forgotten his instructions ? The lady immediately picked it up, and presented it with due form and grace, on which the enthusiastic professor of his art respectfully kissed her hand, and with a profound bow exclaimed " Now I recognize my own pupil !"

In Moliere's time, the profession of a comedian was but lightly esteemed in France, and he experienced the inconveniences resulting from this circumstance, even after his splendid literary career had given him undoubted claims to consideration. Some of our readers perhaps may not be acquainted with the anecdote of Louis the Fourteenth's act of courtesy towards the author of the *Tartuffe*, who, on being told that some of the household had refused to sit at table with the comedian, kindly invited him to

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Ventilation.—Garriek told Cibber, "that his pieces were the best ventilators to his Theatre at Drury Lane, for as soon as any of them were played, the audience directly left the house."

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The Music composed by Mons. T. Labarre. The Scenery, by the Mess. Grieve.

The Machinery, by Mr H. Sloman. The Dresses, by Mr Head & Mrs Coombe.

The Decorations, &c. by Mr W. Bradwell, The Dances arranged by M. Anathole.

The Action of the Ballet under the superintendence of Mr. FARLEY.

Mahomet, (King of Grenada) Mr HOWELL,

Ismael,.....(Commander in Chief).....Monsieur SILVAIN,

Myssouf,...(Chief of the Eunuchs)....Mr W. H. PAYNE,

Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,

Other Pages, Messrs. Bodman, Myers, Wilt, Arbury,

Priests, Messrs. J. Cooper, Billing, Harris, Harrington, &c. &c.

Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Atargul,...(her Companion)....Miss O'BRIEN,

Zelika,.....(a Royal Slave).....Mademoiselle VAGON,

Mina, (Faithful Negress to Zulma) Mademoiselle CAVA,

The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Miss KENNETH,

Commander of the Female Army, Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Officers, Mesdemoiselle Vagon, Ryals, Baseke, Thomasin,

Fairbrother, Lydia, Hunt, Jones, Payne, Marsano, &c. &c.

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A GRAND DIVERTISEMENT!

In which will be introduced

A Pas de Deux, by Madlle. PAULINE LEROUX, and Monsieur SILVAIN.

A Pas de Deux, by Madlle. VAGON and O'BRIEN.

A Pas de Trois, by Mademoiselles Pauline Leroux, and Cava, and Mons. Silvain.

In Act II. A GRAND PAS DE TROIS,

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The Celebrated Pas des Lances, and the celebrated Pas des Lyres.

In ACT III. The GRAND EVOLUTIONS of the FEMALE ARMY!

The following gorgeous Scenery painted by Messrs. GRIEVE, for the occasion :

A Vast and Splendid Hall, in the Palace of the Alhambra, opening upon the Court of Lyons. The Bath of the Harem, through which is seen a distant

View of the City of Grenada, and the Embarkation on the River Xenil. A

Pass in the Alpuxarras Mountains, with the Bivouac of the Female Army, changing to the Gardens of the Genius of the Harem.

After which, MILTON'S MASQUE of

C O M U S.

Comus, Mr WARD, Brothers, Mr PERKINS, and Miss LEE,

Bacchants, Messrs. H. PHILLIPS, WILSON, TEMPLETON, BEDFORD,

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Drury Lane Theatre.

The Minister and the Mercer, and *St. George and the Dragon*, attracted a very good house here on Saturday night. The hero of *St. George*, the inimitable Ducrow, takes his Benefit here on Monday next, on which occasion will be performed *The Wedding Gown*, an entertainment (which was more than once commanded by their Majesties, at the palace, at Brighton,) called *Raphael’s Dream*; or, *the Egyptian Idol and Artist’s Study*; followed by *St. George and the Dragon*. Such a bill, joined to Ducrow’s great popularity, must ensure him a full house. The Drury Lane Theatrical Fund Dinner will take place on Wednesday, the 19th instant. Mr. Harley the Master, held a meeting on Saturday to make the arrangements; 130 exalted personages have entered their names as Vice Presidents, accompanied with munificent donations, which already amount to £400. There is a talk of Captain Ross taking the chair. Miss Cawse, late of this Theatre, was married last week, at Hull, to a gentleman named Daniels.

King’s Theatre.

IN consequence of the illness of Madlle. Salvi, who was to have made her *début* at this Theatre on Saturday night as *Arsace*, in the Opera of *Semiramide*, *La Gazza Ladra* was repeated with the same cast as on the previous Saturday; it was followed by the Ballet of *La Bayadere*, in which the graceful sisters of the Terpsichorean art. Taglioni and Duvernay, danced together a *Pas Deux*, for the first time in this country, and, excited to a creditable emulation, they each surpassed all their previous efforts; their twinkling feet seemed almost to disdain to touch the ground, and they absolutely floated on the air like gossamer; thunders of applause rewarded their exertions.

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The works at the Theatre Mautique, in Paris, are now nearly completed. The basin which is to contain the water is entirely of lead. At the proscenium it is two feet deep, and further back, five or six feet. An ingenious plan has been adopted for filling and emptying it. The stage is to be lighted by a new process, which will produce the most novel and beautiful scenic effects. Great improvements have been made in the audience part of the Theatre.

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To conclude with, Weber's Opera of

Der Freischutz.

Ottocar, (the Prince) Mr YARNOLD,
Hermit, Mr S. JONES, Kilian, Mr TAYLEURE,
Bernhard, Mr SEGUIN, Adolph, Mr TEMPLETON,
Casper, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Zamiel, Mr W. H. PAYNE, Witch of the Glen, Mr WIELAND,
Attendants on the Prince, Foresters, Servants, &c. &c.
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AUBER's Opera of *Gustavus the Third*, which was repeated here last night with *Der Freischutz*, still continues as attractive as ever. Should Herold's *Pré aux Clercs* be equally fortunate, (and in Paris its success has infinitely surpassed that of *Gustave*,) no other novelty, as a first piece, will be required for the remainder of the season. Miss Inverarity, Miss Shirreff, Wilson, Seguin, & H. Phillips, have all good musical parts in it.

VICTORIA.—This Theatre was last night filled to the very ceiling to witness Sheridan Knowle's admirable Play of *The Beggar of Bethnal Green*. After the Play, which was excellently acted throughout, a new Musical Extravaganza, called *Female Government; or, the World upside down*, was given for the first time with most decided success; we must say so, for there was only one person, and that one in the pit, who made any stand against it, and who, when the audience was appealed to by Mr. Abbott, was silent. A more palpable hit, in the burlesque line, has not been made for years, and when the performers are a little more drilled in their respective characters, it will prove a most attractive piece. We cannot pretend to give the whole plot, it will at once be seen the ladies are at the helm, and manage state affairs, not exactly to the notion of Lieutenant Halliard, (Abbott,) who in the end sets them to rights again. In the course of the piece, some excellent parodies were given; one, by Abbott, on "How happy could I be with either," *à la* Braham, was most laughable, as also one or two others; in short, it is a most humorous affair, and it abounds in good puns and good scenery; to all who are inclined, like ourselves, to laugh at an Extravaganza, we advise to go and see it.

HAYMARKET.—We hear that Mr. Morris intends opening this Theatre soon after Easter. Miss Ellen Faucit, a daughter of Mrs. Faucit, of Drury Lane, will make her *début* early in the season as *Juliet*; she played *Belvidera* last week at Richmond with great success, and is now gone to Bath, where she will play with Sheridan Knowles, who it is said, is writing a new Play, the heroine of which will be personated by Miss Faucit,

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at the Haymarket. The veteran dramatist, Morton, has just finished a Play, which is in the hands of Mr. Morris for approval; there is also a talk of Serle producing at this Theatre an Historical Comedy, which he has nearly completed.

The Italian Opera has not been successful at Liverpool. *The Liverpool Advertiser*, after regretting the thin attendances at the Theatre, Opera nights, endeavours to shame the inhabitants of that town into a love of Italian singing, by telling them not to admire *La Semiramide*, and *Il Barbiere*, will argue themselves inferior in musical taste to their rivals "at the other end of the railway."

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Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

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Revolt of the Harem.

Mahomet, (King of Grenada) Mr HOWELL,
Ismael, (Commander in Chief) Monsieur SILVAIN,
Myssouf, . . . (Chief of the Eunuchs) . . . Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,
Other Pages, Messrs. Bodman, Myers, Wilt, Arbury,
Priests, Messrs. J. Cooper, Billing, Harris, Harrington, &c. &c.
Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mile. PAULINE LEROUX,
Atargul, . . . (her Companion) . . . Miss O'BRIEN,
Zelika, (a Royal Slave) Mademoiselle VAGON,
Mina, (Faithful Negress to Zulma) Mademoiselle CAVA,
The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Miss KENNETH,
Commander of the Female Army, Mile. PAULINE LEROUX,
Officers, Mesdemoiselle Vagon, Ryals, Baseke, Thomasin,
Fairbrother, Lydia, Hunt, Jones, Payne, Marsano, &c. &c.

In ACT I.

A GRAND DIVERTISEMENT!

In which will be introduced

A Pas de Deux, by Madlle. PAULINE LEROUX, and Monsieur SILVAIN.

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The following gorgeous Scenery painted by Messrs. GRIEVE, for the occasion:

A Vast and Splendid Hall, in the Palace of the Alhambra, opening upon the Court of Lyons. The Bath of the Harem, through which is seen a distant View of the City of Grenada, and the Embarkation on the River Xenil. A Pass in the Alpuxarras Mountains, with the Bivouac of the Female Army, changing to the Gardens of the Genius of the Harem.

After which, the Comic Entertainment, called

SCAN. MAG.

Mr Theodore Singleton, Mr BARTLEY, Edward Singleton, Mr WARDE,
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M I D A S.

IMMORTALS—Apollo, 1st time, Miss POOLE, Jupiter Mr BEDFORD
Pan, Mr HENRY, Mars, Mr S. JONES, Bacchus, Mr BIRT,
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ADELPHI.

ON Monday evening, a pleasant bagatelle, in one act, from the pen of Mr. Charles Mathews, was produced at this Theatre, and its success was so complete, that it seems a pity the approaching termination of the season must necessarily prevent its having a long run, which, under other circumstances, it assuredly would have had. It is called *Truth; or, a Glass too much*; many of our readers will doubtless be deceived by this title, for "the glass too much" is not of that genus, commonly so called, nor is the piece an illustration of the maxim "*In vino veritas*," but the glass is an immense eye glass, which the *Count Albert*, a Bohemian nobleman, learned in the occult sciences, has discovered, the wearer of which, by a single glance, is not only enabled to detect the truth in all its nakedness, but is also enabled to peep into futurity, and foresee coming events. In the progress of the piece this glass is the means of preventing much mischief, and ultimately of bringing about two marriages; it is however at last returned to its original possessor, as it is thought more conducive to happiness to be now and then deceived than to be acquainted with the real motives of the actions of one's friends. The piece was well acted, and the dresses and scenery were, as is usually the case at this Theatre, appropriate and pleasing.

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Speaking of playing *Der Freischutz*, at Plymouth, he says "Mine was triumphant success, and a loud call was raised for my appearance at the end of the play. Out of this circumstance arose a ludicrous mistake. *Dyer* and fire are similar in sound, and when my admirers cried *Dyer*, several persons became dreadfully apprehensive of *Fire*, and one elderly lady betrayed such violent agitation, that to quiet her, a friend of mine shouted aloud, from his place in the boxes, "It's false, madame, it's false ! there is not a spark of *fire* in the house."

One night when George III visited the Weymouth Theatre, the Farce of *The Spoiled Child*, (a favorite of the King's,) was played, and a remarkably masculine woman sustained the character of *Miss Pickle*. On lighting their Majesties to their carriage, the King said to the manager "Very good, very good, Hughes ; Farce well played, well played ! clever man that *Miss Pickle*, clever man !" "Man," exclaimed Hughes, "your Majesty is deceived ! the person who sustained *Miss Pickle*, is Mrs. —, a very respectable woman," "No, no, Hughes," rejoined the laughing monarch, "a man. Hughes, [a man !" "With all submission to your Majesty, Mrs. —, is a woman." "It won't do, Hughes, a man ; hey Charlotte hey, clever man, saw his beard, saw his beard !" The next morning, Hughes entered the green-room, and addressed the assembled company : "Ladies and Gentlemen, I am very happy to tell you that their Majesties were much gratified by the performances of last night ; and (turning to Mrs. —, who sat in gigantic dignity in one corner of the room,) I am most happy in saying, Madame, that his Majesty particularly noticed you !" "God bless the King !" said the delighted lady. "And the Queen also distinguished you." "God love them," said the lady "I saw they were looking at

me, bless them." "Yes," said Hughes, "the King was vastly pleased." "May the King live for ever!" rejoined Mrs. —, beaming with smiles. "But his Majesty—" proceeded Hughes; "God bless him!" interrupted Mrs. —. "His Majesty insists you are a *man*!" "The nasty beast!" cried Mrs. — as she arose, and stalked out of the room.

Barthe, the French dramatic author, was remarkable for selfishness. Calling upon a friend, whose opinion he wished to have on a new Comedy, he found him in his last moments, but, notwithstanding, proposed to him to hear it read." "Consider," said the dying man, "I have not more than an hour to live." "Aye," replied Barthe, "but this will not occupy half that time."

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Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, (20th time) a New Historical Comedy, in Five Acts, called *The*

Minister & the Mercer

Count Bertrand de Rantzau, (Member of the Council,) Mr W. FARREN,
 Lord Falkenstein, (the Secretary at War,) Mr MATHEWS,
 The Baron Gœlher, (Nephew to the Lord High Admiral,) Mr BRINDAL,
 Count Berghen, (a Courtier,) Mr DURUSET, Colonel Koller, Mr KING,
 Raton Burkenstaff, (a Silk Mercer,) Mr DOWTON,
 Eric Burkenstaff, (his Son,) Mr COOPER, John, (his Shop Boy) Mr WEBSTER,
 President of the Supreme Court of Justice, Mr YOUNGE,
 Four of the Supreme Council, Messrs. Burkley, Fisher, Bruce and Field,
 Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) Mr HONNER,
 Joseph (Servant to Lord Falkenstein,) Mr IRWIN,
 Marie Julie, { Queen Dowager, and Mother-in-Law of } Mrs SLOMAN,
 { Christian VII. King of Denmark. }
 Christine, (Daughter of Lord Falkenstein,) Miss E. TREE,
 Madame Burkenstaff, Mrs GLOVER.

In the course of the Comedy will be exhibited

A Splendid Apartment in the Palace of Christianbourg, (Designed and Executed by Mr. Stanfield.) Interior of Raton Burkenstaff's Shop. Apartment in the House of Lord Falkenstein. Another Saloon in the same House.

To conclude with, (57th time,) a New Grand Spectacle, called

St. George and the Dragon :

St. George, (the Champion of England,) Mr DUCROW,
 St. Andrew, (the Champion of Scotland,) Mr WOOD,
 St. Patrick (the Champion of Ireland,) Mr BAKER,
 St. David, (the Champion of Wales,) Mr FILLINGHAM,
 St. Denis, (the Champion of France,) Mr HATTON,
 St. Anthony, (the Champion of Italy,) Mr G. WOOLFORD,
 St. James, (the Champion of Spain,) Mr COWIN,
 Tom of Coventry (Tinker,) Mr WEBSTER,
 Huge Broadbones, a "Lusty Farrier," Mr TAYLEURE,
 Kaliba, (the Enchantress,) Mrs VINING,
 Dame Durden (a Wealthy Villager) Mrs BROAD,
 Kate of Coventry, (her Niece) Mrs FITZWILLIAM.

EGYPTIANS.

Ptolemy (King of Egypt) Mr G. BENNETT,
 Almador, (King of Mexico,) Mr DIDDEAR,
 Princess Sabra, Miss E. PHILLIPS, Letha, Miss H. CAWSE.

SCENE 1.—Abode of the Enchantress. 2.—Grotto of the Senses. 3.—The Enchanted Cavern of the Six Champions. 4.—View near Coventry in the Olden Time. 5.—The Farrier's Forge. 6.—Brazen Pillar on the Seven Roads, (Andrews.) with the Departure of St. George for Egypt! and a Grand Old English Cavalcade! consisting of the Authorities of Coventry, Knights, Squires, Ladies, Pages, Men-at-Arms, Traders, Minstrels, Morris Dancers, &c.

ACT II,—SCENE 1.—Palace of King Ptolemy, in which will be introduced a Grand Divertisement, with preparation for the Marriage, and Sacrifice of the Princess Sabra to the Dragon. 2.—Banks of the Nile. 3.—The Herdsman's Hut. 4.—Pathway leading to the Valley. Mr STANFIELD's Grand Egyptian Diorama, commencing with the Great Cataracts, and Dragon's Haunt by Moonlight, with the celebrated Traditional Fight, between St. George and the Dragon, terminating in the Defeat of the Monster! carried on through the Excavated Temples of Ghirsheh. Caverns of Abou Samboul. Ascent of a Pyramid. Distant View of the City. Interior of the City, with the Grand Triumphal Entry of St. George and the other Champions into the Temple of Memphis, which terminates the Diorama and the Piece.

Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

This Evening, (17th time) a Grand New Fairy Ballet, (in Three Acts,) called The

Revolt of the Harem.

The Music composed by Mons. T. Labarre. The Scenery, by the Mess. Grieve.

The Machinery, by Mr H. Sloman. The Dresses, by Mr Head & Mrs Coombe.

The Decorations, &c. by Mr W. Bradwell, The Dances arranged by M. Anathole.

The Action of the Ballet under the superintendence of Mr. FARLEY.

Mahomet, (King of Grenada) Mr HOWELL,

Ismael, (Commander in Chief) Monsieur SILVAIN,

Myssouf, . . . (Chief of the Eunuchs) . . . Mr W. H. PAYNE,

Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,

Other Pages, Messrs. Bodman, Myers, Wilt, Arbury,

Priests, Messrs. J. Cooper, Billing, Harris, Harrington, &c. &c.

Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Atargul, . . . (her Companion) . . . Miss O'BRIEN,

Zelika, (a Royal Slave) Mademoiselle VAGON,

Mina, (Faithful Negress to Zulma) Mademoiselle CAVA,

The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Miss KENNETH,

Commander of the Female Army, Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Officers, Mesdemoiselle Vagon, Ryals, Baseke, Thomasin,
Fairbrother, Lydia, Hunt, Jones, Payne, Marsano, &c. &c.

Soldiers in the Female Army,

Mademoiselles Hart, Gorbun, Vials, Freeman, Mears, Reekie, Hall, Elean,

Valancy, Reid, Marchant, Hudson, Connolly, Hatton, Moore, Foster, Hill, Lee,

Russell, Jackson, Perry, Ellis, S. Jackson, Deubeig, Jefferson, Cooke, Jeans,

E. Reed, Lewis, Parker, Sutton, Dawson, Reeves, Fenton, Murray, &c. &c.

In ACT I.

A GRAND DIVERTISEMENT!

In which will be introduced

A Pas de Deux, by Madlle. PAULINE LEROUX, and Monsieur SILVAIN.

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A Pas de Trois, by Mademoiselles Pauline Leroux, and Cava, and Mons. Silvain.

In Act II. A GRAND PAS DE TROIS,

By Mademoiselles PAULINE LEROUX, VAGON, and O'BRIEN.

The Celebrated Pas des Lances, and the celebrated Pas des Lyres.

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The following gorgeous Scenery painted by Messrs. GRIEVE, for the occasion:

Vast and Splendid Hall, in the Palace of the Alhambra, opening upon the
A Court of Lyons. The Bath of the Harem, through which is seen a distant

View of the City of Grenada, and the Embarkation on the River Xenil. A

Pass in the Alpuxarras Mountains, with the Bivouac of the Female Army,
changing to the Gardens of the Genius of the Harem.

After which, Auber's Grand Opera of

FRA-DIAVOLO.

Fra-Diavolo, (disguised as the Marquis of San Carlo) Mr WILSON,

Lord Allcash, Mr DURUSET, Giacomo, Mr RANSFORD.

Lorenzo, Mr TEMPLETON,

Matteo, Mr SEGUIN, Beppo, Mr BEDFORD.

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Drury Lane Theatre.

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Cobent Garden Theatre.

THE performances at this Theatre yesterday evening were *The Revolt of the Harem*, and *Fra Diavolo*. There is no talk of an Easter piece at this Theatre, *Gustavus* will be represented on Easter Monday, and on the Wednesday following, Herold's new Opera will be produced.

Mr. Parry, the composer, has gained the prize offered by the Beefsteak Club, at Liverpool, for the best bacchanalian song; also for the second best convivial glee; the first prize was awarded to Dr. Smith, of Dublin.

It appears that the statement (which we copied from the French papers,) of the marriage between Prince Basile Dolgorouki, Grand Equerry to the Emperor of Russia, and Madlle. Eugenie Forget, of the Liege Theatre, is totally unfounded.

Mr. Dyer, in his amusing work, thus speaks of Macready: "The prejudice felt against this distinguished artist is the most unjust that can be imagined. I believe it still exists, though with less violence than heretofore, but even now he is the terror of country theatres. My antipathies against him were strongly excited by the reports of my brother actors, and I treated him with a rudeness which at this hour I remember with compunction. A few years after, I apologised for my conduct, because my increased experience increased my respect for the consequence of a tragedian, and I felt the infirmities and sensitiveness of a man so deservedly eminent as Macready should be endured at least.—He has a fair excuse in the insolent self-sufficiency of performers for the excitement of his ill-humor, and I found the reserve of genius was mistaken for hauteur. Macready shews nothing but the becoming pride of a gentleman, and if actors were more accommodating he would be less irritable. As an actor he is almost faultless, for he conceives with judgment, and executes with truth. He is *Virginus*, and *Hamlet*, and *Tell*, as completely as if the souls of his heroes had entered him when he assumed the garb of each character. Nothing could rouse him from his identity with the scene, if the actors were only perfect, not even the uproar of an overflowing half-price, than which the confusion of Babel is not more confounding.

Once however I saw him at fault in the Shrewsbury Theatre,

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 Lord Woodville, Mr T. LEE, Lord Wilford, Mr S. KNOWLES,
 Belmont, (his Friend) Mr SELBY, Lord Mayor, Mr BENDER,
 Albert, (the Blind Beggar) Mr DOYNE,
 Old Small, Mr WILLIAMS, Young Small, (his Son) Mr ABBOTT,
 Peter, (Servant to Old Small) Mr LATHAM,
 Strap, Mr CHIPPENDALE, Chaplain, Mr MILDENHALL,
 Ralph, (Son to the Hostess) Mr FORRESTER,
 Last, }
 Mortice, } Suitors to Bess }
 Mallet, } Mr ROSS,
 Mr HEATH,
 Mr ADDISON.

Queen Elizabeth, Mrs EGERTON,
 Emma, (the Beggar's Wife) Mrs OMAN HILL,
 Kate, Miss P. HORTON, Mrs Thrifty, Mrs GARRICK,
 Bess, (the Beggar's Daughter) Miss JARMAN,
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Female Government; Or, the World Upside Down!

CHARACTERS IN THE GOVERNMENT:

Queen of Female Government, Miss HORTON,
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 Captain, Miss FORSTER, Lieutenant, Mlle ROSIER,
 Serjeant Major of the Old Buffs, Mrs GARRICK,
 Prime Minister..... Miss GARRICK,
 First Lady of the Admiralty, Miss THOMAS,
 Quanka,..... Miss P. HORTON,
 Chickaree, Miss M. A. SOMERVILLE,
 Sanki,..... Mr ROSS,

BRITISH VOYAGERS:

Lieutenant Haliard, Mr ABBOTT,
 Billy Robstay,..... Mr WILLIAMS,
 Boatswain, Mr CHIPPENDALE,
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To conclude with, an original Farce in One Act, called

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 Peter Popkins, Mr WILLIAMS, Spicy, Mr LATHAM,
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We understand that Ducrow's Benefit, on Monday night, promises to be a bumper; almost all the boxes being already engaged. His performance, in *Raphael's Dream*, is said to be of the most graceful and surprising description.

The first performance of the Royal Musical Festival, in Westminster Abbey, will take place on Tuesday morning, June 24.

A new Opera, announced for performance during the Frankfort Fair has been forbidden by the Censors. It was entitled *La Prison d'Edemburg*, in one scene of which the prisoners escape by setting on fire the prison. It was feared this might teach a lesson, not altogether politic for the powers which be.

Garrick, as doubtless most of our readers are aware, was renowned for his performance of *Abel Drugger*, in *The Alchymist*; his elder brother Peter, lived, at Litchfield. On the occasion of some townsman coming to London, Peter Garrick addressed a letter to his brother David, in Southampton Street, where he then lived, requesting him to show the lions of London to their townsman, with whatever other civilities he could confer. The man of Litchfield arrived in the great city, proceeded to Southampton Street, and on knocking at the door was told Mr. Garrick was at the Theatre, (where he was to play *Abel Drugger*.) John of Litchfield went to the Theatre, but instead of returning to Southampton Street, went back to Litchfield, and took no notice of Peter Garrick. The latter gentleman surprised at this neglect, was at some pains to get a sight of his townsman, and asked him why he did not bring an answer to his letter. "Because your brother did not give any," was the answer. "Indeed," said Peter, "that is very odd for David is generally more correct in his correspondence; what did he say to you?" The man was silent. Peter pressed for an answer, when he exclaimed "Well, Master Garrick, as you will have an answer, you shall have it; I went to Southampton Street, David was not at home; they said I might go to him at the play house; well they made me pay three shillings to go in, which I thought was a strange proceeding; however that was nothing, when he did shew himself, he was the nastiest, dirtiest, shuffling, little blackguard that

ever I put my eyes upon. I would not speak to him, nor see him, nor own him for a townsman, though he is your brother, so I came away, and left him to play his dirty tricks by himself.

Theatrical Bon Mot.—When Sir Charles Sedley's Comedy of *Bellamira* was performed, the roof of the Theatre fell down, by which, however, few people were hurt, except the author. This occasioned Sir Fleetwood Shepherd to say that there was so much fire in the Play that it blew up poet, house, and all. "No," replied the good natured author, "the Play was so heavy that it broke down the house, and buried the poor poet in his own rubbish."

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 President of the Supreme Court of Justice, Mr YOUNGE,
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 Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) Mr HONNER,
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Mina, (Faithful Negress to Zulma) Mademoiselle CAVA,
The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Miss KENNETH,
Commander of the Female Army, Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,
Officers, Mesdemoiselle Vagon, Ryals, Baseke, Thomasin,
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Drury Lane Theatre.

ON Saturday evening *The Minister and the Mercer*, and *St. George and the Dragon*, were repeated to a good house. Macready returns to this Theatre in Easter week, when *Sardanapalus* will be produced, he has been very popular and attractive at Dublin; he played *Wolsey* and *William Tell* for his benefit, and had a crowded house. Jerrold's new Comedy is to be called *The Schoolfellows*. It was a Mr Edmonds, a pupil of Liverati, and not Mr Daniels, who has just taken Mary Cawse for better and worse.

King's Theatre.

ROSSINI's Opera of *Semiramide* was performed here on Saturday night, when Madame Kynterland and Madlle Salvi made their second appearance in the characters of the heroine and *Arsace*, the former is a fine woman, but neither her voice nor execution qualify her for the station of *prima donna*; the latter has a voice of a very fine quality, which, with a little more cultivation will place her at the top of her profession. Il Signori Zuchelli, Giubeili. and Curioni, filled the other characters with credit, and the accompaniments were admirable played. The great attraction at present however lies in the Ballet, two such graceful creatures as Duvernay and Taglioni have never before been seen together on our stage; their *Pas Deux* is the very perfection of their art; it excited the most exquisite delight in the spectators, and called such tumultuous bursts of applause as are rarely heard in this aristocratical place of amusement; it is worth a pilgrimage to see such glorious dancing. Our future Queen was present.

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Payne, Hall, Hill, Bennett, Perry, Froud, Conway, & Marsano.
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To conclude with, Weber's Opera of

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The Celebrated Pas des Lances, and the celebrated Pas des Lyres.

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The following gorgeous Scenery painted by Messrs. GRIEVE, for the occasion:
Vast and Splendid Hall, in the Palace of the Alhambra, opening upon the
ACourt of Lyons.

The Bath of the Harem, through which is seen a distant
View of the City of Grenada, and the Embarkation on the River Xenil. A
Pass in the Alpuxarras Mountains, with the Bivouac of the Female Army,
changing to the Gardens of the Genius of the Harem.

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THE WATERMAN

Tom Tug, Mr H. PHILLIPS,

Who will sing, "*Did you not hear,*" "*Farewell my trim-built
Wherry,*" and "*The Sea, the Sea.*"

Robin, Mr HARLEY, Mr Bundle, Mr BLANCHARD,
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To conclude with, the Burletta of

M I D A S.

IMMORTALS—Apollo, 2d time, Miss POOLE, Jupiter Mr BEDFORD
Pan, Mr HENRY, Mars, Mr S. JONES, Bacchus, Mr BIRT,
Mercury, Mr SMITH, Vulcan, Mr Brady, Ganymede, Mr Russell,
Cupid, Miss MARSHALL, Juno, Mrs CHESTER,
Minerva, Mrs PAYNE, Venus, Miss HALL, Iris, Miss PERRY.

MORTALS.—Midas, Mr DOWTON,

Silenus, Mr AYLIFFE, Damætus, Mr YARNOLD,
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Mrs. Waylett has addressed a letter to the editor of *The Morning Chronicle*, of which we subjoin a copy:

SIR,—A paragraph having appeared in your paper, setting forth that a compromise had been made between Mr. Yates and myself, I beg to inform you that you have been misinformed, and request that you will have the goodness to state that none has been acceded to or desired by me. The performances during the Lent season have nothing to do whatever with the question raised.

I am, Sir, &c.

HARRIETTE WAYLETT.

Actors are or should be men of education and manners, in short gentlemen, and are esteemed as such, until a bill appears bearing the stigmatising impress of "For the Benefit of Mr. —." The elegant Barry was introduced to a distinguished nobleman, who, on the next day, being asked what he thought of the actor? replied "Oh, I thought him a perfect gentleman, until he asked me to take tickets for his benefit."

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Lord Thomas Willoughby, Mr DEBAR,
Lord Woodville, Mr T. LEE, Lord Wilford, Mr S. KNOWLES,
Belmont, (his Friend) Mr SELBY, Lord Mayor, Mr BENDER,
Albert, (the Blind Beggar) Mr DOYNE,
Old Small, Mr WILLIAMS, Young Small, (his Son) Mr ABBOTT,
Peter, (Servant to Old Small) Mr LATHAM,
Strap, Mr CHIPPENDALE, Chaplain, Mr MILDENHALL,
Ralph, (Son to the Hostess) Mr FORRESTER,
Last, }
Mortice, } Suitors to Bess } Mr ROSS,
Mallet, } Mr HEATH,
Mr ADDISON.

Queen Elizabeth, Mrs EGERTON,
Emma, (the Beggar's Wife) Mrs OMAN HILL,
Kate, Miss P. HORTON, Mrs Thrifty, Mrs GARRICK,
Bess, (the Beggar's Daughter) Miss JARMAN,
After which, (7th time) a Comic, Musical, Romantic, Ex-
travaganza, in Two Acts, called

Female Government;

Or, the World Upside Down!

CHARACTERS IN THE GOVERNMENT:

'Queen of Female Government, Miss HORTON,
Major of her Guard, Mrs OMAN HILL,
Captain, Miss FORSTER, Lieutenant, Miss ROSIER,
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Prime Minister..... Miss GARRICK,
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Sanki,..... Mr ROSS,

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Lieutenant Haliard, Mr ABBOTT,
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Theatre Royal, Adelphi.

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The Entertainments will commence with an Act selected from

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An ADDRESS, by Mrs. YATES, preparatory to her

Delineation of the Passions!

The Arrangement of the Tableaux, by Mr. OSCAR BYRNE.

FEAR—Scene, The Jungle. The Lion, the Mother and Child. ANGER—Scene, Wat Tyler's Smithy. Tyler's Vengeance on the Collector. DESPAIR—Scene, The Dungeon. From Sir Joshua Reynolds's Picture of Ugolino. HOPE—Scene, The Sea Shore. The Sailor's Wife and Children. REVENGE and PITY—Scene, The Sack'd and Burning City. The Prostrate Warrior and Pity interceding. JEALOUSY—Scene, The Garden. The Husband, the Lover, and the Wife. MELANCHOLY—Scene, The Convent Garden. Groupe of Sisters. The BACCHANALS—Scene, Sylvan Landscape. Cheerfulness and Joy. Composition from Poussin. Grand Allegorical Groupe St. Cecilia, surrounded by the Passions!!

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And will compose on the Stage, an extemporaneous Overture.

The Music composed and selected by Col. Bolsorer, of the Horse Marines.

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Mrs. Bunn, wife to Captain Bunn, and mother of the lessee of the Patent Theatres, died in Dublin on Saturday last aged 73. She was a lady of most exemplary character, and of high literary attainments, which brought her into association with all the eminent scholars of her time.

Occurrence at the Carnival of Forli.—A company of players were representing a Farce, in which a Frenchman was introduced, who, as is usual in such representations, appeared in the dress of an officer ; upon his *entré* upon the stage the *uniform*, or the actor, met with very general applause, which was however almost instantly hushed. No notice was taken on that evening of what occurred, but on the following morning the actor, who had been the object of the popular welcome, was sent to prison by the Bishop of Forli for three months, while the rest of the company received a sentence or rather mandate of perpetual banishment from the Papal territory.

Actor's Prospects.—We look to the metropolis for theatrical fortunes, and we find some members of the profession with splendid accumulations of wealth ; but then how few in comparison with those who breathe in the *Bench*, figure in the Insolvents' Court, or "sicken with hope deferred," in the parlour of the well known Harp Tavern. A single page would contain the names of all the actors who have died in the possession of their acquired riches, a volume might be filled by those whose delinquences have left him scarcely wherewithal to purchase the nails for a coffin.—*Dyer's Actor's Life*.

A Trial in London.—There were three agents who professed to procure provincial actors situations in the London Theatres, and being introduced to Kenneth, of Bow Street, as the man all sufficient, I neglected calling on the honest Smythson, or the far famed Syms, the presiding deity of the Harp Office. Kenneth first proposed my playing at the Coburg Theatre, but I had a strong dislike to the minors, and refused. He then arranged

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Myssouf,....(Chief of the Eunuchs)....Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,
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Soldiers in the Female Army,

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Drury Lane Theatre.

YESTERDAY evening *The Minister and the Mercer*, and *St. George and the Dragon*, attracted a good house. We are happy to find that the collection at the Anniversary Dinner of the Theatrical Fund of this Theatre was a very liberal one, amounting to nearly £1200. Mr Harley, the worthy master, on his health being drank, delivered a very excellent speech, in a very happy manner, which was frequently interrupted by spontaneous bursts of applause ; he made a most touching allusion to his talented predecessors, the one, poor Kean, who has shuffled off this mortal coil, the other Jack Bannister, who still lives to the delight of his numerous friends. The Marquis of Clanricarde was in the chair, and he was supported by a host of noblemen and gentlemen, who did themselves honor by attending this useful and laudable institution. The musical arrangements were of a superior character, and were never equalled on any similar occasion. Among the subscriptions was £20 from the ladies in the gallery.

On Easter Monday, Macready will appear as *Richard the Third*, after which, a new Easter Piece, entitled *Anster Fair ; or, the Wizard's Wand*, will be produced at this house.

FITZROY.—This Theatre is daily, or rather nightly, increasing in popularity ; the broad humour of *The Wandering Minstrel*, and *The Revolt of the Workhouse*, has made those pieces very attractive, and they are admirably acted. A new Fairy Spectacle is in preparation for Easter, in which it is said 200 children are to be employed ; (if the stage could hold them.)

On one occasion, when a company of comedians performed *Lovers' Vows*, at Tavistock, when Frederick inquired "Is there a doctor in the village ?" a matter of fact countryman replied in a tone of sympathy "Oh, yes, Sur, there's old Parfit, the horse-doctor, lives up town." In the entertainment of *Black Eyed Susan*, the actor, who played *William*, being rather deficient in mu-

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Incedon's Finale.—The last song Incedon ever sang was in the kitchen of the Rein Deer, Meal Cherpon Street, Worcester. He attended the Glee Club as usual but he declined singing, and left the room rather depressed in spirits. By mere accident he strolled into the kitchen, and recovering his good humor, gathered the servants about him, and gave them "Now farewell my trim-built wherry," in the most brilliant style, and then relapsing into gloom, he left the house, and not long after he died.

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Lord Woodville, Mr T. LEE, Lord Wilford, Mr S. KNOWLES,
Belmont, (his Friend) Mr SELBY, Lord Mayor, Mr BENDER,
Albert, (the Blind Beggar) Mr DOYNE,
Old Small, Mr WILLIAMS, Young Small, (his Son) Mr ABBOTT,
Peter, (Servant to Old Small) Mr LATHAM,
Strap, Mr CHIPPENDALE, Chaplain, Mr MILDENHALL,
Ralph, (Son to the Hostess) Mr FORRESTER,
Last, } Suitors to Bess } Mr ROSS,
Mortice, } Mr HEATH,
Mallet, } Mr ADDISON.

Queen Elizabeth, Mrs EGERTON,
Emma, (the Beggar's Wife) Mrs OMAN HILL,
Kate, Miss P. HORTON, Mrs Thrifty, Mrs GARRICK,
Bess, (the Beggar's Daughter) Miss JARMAN.

To conclude with, the new Drama, in 3 Acts, called

Mount St. Bernard : OR, THE HEADSMAN.

Melchior de Willading, Mr W. VINING,
Maso, (the Italian Mariner) Mr ABBOTT,
Sigismund Steinback, Mr FORRESTER, Sig. Grimaldi, Mr DOYNE,
Peter Hofmeister, (the Bailli of Vevey) Mr WILLIAMS,
Father Xavier, Mr WILLOUGHBY, Pippo, Mr LATHAM,
Belthazar, (the Headsman) Mr EGERTON,
Conrad, (a Pilgrim) Mr T. LEE, Jaques Collis, Mr DEBAR,
Baptiste, (Capt. of the Winkelreid) Mr ADDISON,
Pierre Dumont, (the Guide of St. Bernard) Mr BENDER,
The Chatelain of Sion, Mr MILDENHALL,
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Christine, Miss HORTON, Jeannette, Miss FORSTER.

To-morrow, The Blind Beggar of Bethnal Green, Female Government, and the Grecian Statues, being for the Benefit of Mr Sheridan Knowles.

Theatre Royal, Adelphi.

Mr. & Mrs. YATES AT HOME.

The Entertainments will commence with an Act selected from

Mr. YATES'
REMINISCENCES

An ADDRESS, by Mrs. YATES, preparatory to her
Delineation of the Passions !

The Arrangement of the Tableaux, by Mr. OSCAR BYRNE.
FEAR—Scene, The Jungle. The Lion, the Mother and Child. ANGER—
Scene, Wat Tyler's Smithy. Tyler's Vengeance on the Collector. DESPAIR—
Scene, The Dungeon, From Sir Joshua Reynold's Picture of Ugolino.
HOPE—Scene, The Sea Shore. The Sailor's Wife and Children. RE-
VENGE and PITY—Scene, The Sack'd and Burning City. The Prostrate
Warrior and Pity interceding. JEALOUSY—Scene, The Garden. The
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Garden. Groupe of Sisters. The BACCHANALS—Scene, Sylvan Land-
scape. Cheerfulness and Joy. Composition from Poussin. Grand Allegorical
Groupe St. Cecilia, surrounded by the Passions ! !

Mr. JOHN REEVE

Will give a Grand Serio, Comic, Scena Buffa, al Affettuoso, Maestoso, called
Il Gran' Maestro Signior Strutto,
And will compose on the Stage, an extemporaneous Overture.
The Music composed and selected by Col. Bolsover, of the Horse Marines.

TABLEAU,

CALYPSO and her NYMPHS.

Telemachus, Miss Daly, Mentor, Mr Gallot, Calipso, Mrs Honey
Mr. YATES will have the honor to introduce to the Public, an
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Old Friends with New Faces !!

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GRAND EMBODYMENT,

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Miss Stephens, our own native syren, is about to retire entirely from public life ; she has long confined her professional exertions to a few concerts, and even them she intends to give up. No singer was ever more beloved and respected in the profession than Miss Stephens.

A Hint to Ducrow.—A Mon. Loisset has an equestrian circle in Ghent, at which he has produced a splendid ballet of action, founded upon *Robert le Diable*, with all its concomitant horrors. It certainly must be an amusing novelty to see the celebrated *pas des nonnes* performed by horses !

A Society is just formed, called " The Society of British Musicians." Its object is the encouragement and cultivation of English music exclusively. The society proposes to give six monthly concerts at the Hanover Square Rooms, commencing in October and ending in March, the compositions to be furnished and executed solely by natives of the United Kingdom, or its dependencies.

The distress of country actors are sometimes so very ludicrous, that even benevolence forgets that perhaps the very existence of a fellow creature depends upon a laugh or a plaudit. Of this kind an amusing circumstance occurred at the time Mr. Bunn was lessee of the Birmingham Theatre ; when Mr. W—— had the temerity to make his first appearance in the character of *Richard the Third*, the audience marked their sense of this attempt in the most pointed manner by groans and hisses, until their anger was somewhat appeased by Mr. Bunn promising, if they would suffer the Play to proceed, he would bow to their decision whatever it might be ; at the end of the Play, therefore, when *Richmond* had dispatched poor *Richard*, Mr. Bunn came forward and desired to know their *verdict* ; upon which a wag in the pit roared " justifiable homicide !"

The Marquis de Voyer d'Argenson kept, for many years, Madlle. Jehan, an actress, at Ormeo, in Tourraine, his country seat. She died, and as christian burial was not then allowed to players, the Marquis had her body burnt, and reduced to ashes, in a case of gmyanthe, (*asbestos*.) As he was a great lover of chemistry, the idea then occurred to him of subjecting the ashes

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to the operation of heat. By this means a small quantity of glass was produced, which he sent to his jeweller, with directions to make two rings, which was accordingly done. One of those rings was in the possession of the late M. De la Borde, Chamberlain to Louis XVI. It appeared of common green glass.

Shakspeare was performing the part of a King in one of his own tragedies, standing near the Queen's box, and having given orders to the attending officers, Elizabeth, wishing to know whether he would depart from the dignity of the sovereign at the instant dropped her handkerchief, when the mimic monarch immediately exclaimed :

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 Lord Falkenstein, (the Secretary at War,) Mr MATHEWS,
 The Baron Gœlher, (Nephew to the Lord High Admiral,) Mr BRINDAL,
 Count Berghen, (a Courtier,) Mr DURUSET, Colonel Koller, Mr KING,
 Raton Burkenstaff, (a Silk Mercer,) Mr DOWTON,
 Eric Burkenstaff, (his Son,) Mr COOPER, John, (his Shop Boy) Mr WEBSTER.
 President of the Supreme Court of Justice, Mr YOUNGE,
 Joseph (Servant to Lord Falkenstein,) Mr IRWIN,
 Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) Mr HONNER,
 Marie Julie, (Queen Dowager, and Mother-in-Law of) Mrs SLOMAN,
 (Christian VII. King of Denmark.)
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 Madame Burkenstaff, Mrs GLOVER.

In the course of the Comedy will be exhibited

A Splendid Apartment in the Palace of Christianbourg, (Designed and Executed by Mr. Stanfield.) Interior of Raton Burkenstaff's Shop. Apartment in the House of Lord Falkenstein. Another Saloon in the same House.

To conclude with (62d time,) a New Grand Spectacle, called

St. George and the Dragon :

St. George, (the Champion of England,) Mr DUCROW,
 St. Andrew, (the Champion of Scotland,) Mr DURUSET,
 St. Patrick (the Champion of Ireland,) Mr BAKER,
 St. David, (the Champion of Wales,) Mr FILLINGHAM,
 St Anthony, (the Champion of Italy,) Mr G. WOOLFORD,
 St. James, (the Champion of Spain,) Mr COWIN,
 Tom of Coventry (Tinker,) Mr WEBSTER,
 Huge Broadbones, a "Lusty Farrier," Mr TAYLEURE,
 Kaliba, (the Enchantress,) Mrs VINING,
 Dame Durden (a Wealthy Villager) Mrs BROAD,
 Kate of Coventry, (her Niece) Mrs FITZWILLIAM.

EGYPTIANS.

Ptolemy (King of Egypt) Mr G. BENNETT,
 Almador, (King of Mexico,) Mr DIDDEAR,

Princess Sabra, Miss E. PHILLIPS, Letha, Miss H. CAWSE.

SCENE 1.—Abode of the Enchantress. 2.—Grotto of the Senses. 3.—The Enchanted Cavern of the Six Champions. 4.—View near Coventry in the Olden Time. 5.—The Farrier's Forge. 6.—Brazen Pillar on the Savern Roads, (Andrews.) with the Departure of St. George for Egypt! and a Grand Old English Cavalcade! consisting of the Authorities of Coventry. Knights, Squires, Ladies, Pages, Men-at-Arms, Traders, Minstrels, Morris Dancers, &c.

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The Action of the Ballet under the superintendence of Mr. FARLEY.

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Myssouf, . . . (Chief of the Eunuchs) . . . Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,
Other Pages; Messrs. Bodman, Myers, Wilt, Arbury,
Priests, Messrs. J. Cooper, Billing, Harris, Harrington, &c. &c.
Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,
Atargul, . . . (her Companion) . . . Miss O'BRIEN,
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SCAN. MAG.

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C Y M O N.

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Covent Garden Theatre.

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King's Theatre.

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Mathews, who is in excellent health and spirits, has got his annual entertainment quite ready, but does not intend to introduce it until the week after Easter.

A Farcical Burlesque on *Jonathan Bradford* was produced at Sadler's Wells, a few nights back, called *Jonathan Bradley*, but from the lateness of the hour and the negligence of the performers full justice was not done to its merits. We understand it is replete with wit and humor from the pen of Mr. Luke Tiernan, and have no doubt it would be very successful at any other Theatre.

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Messrs. Gressell and Peto, the contractors for the new English Opera House, are proceeding rapidly with their work, (though reports to the contrary have been carefully circulated.)

The New York Mirror says " Mr. and Mrs. Wood are playing at Philadelphia, a very successful engagement. Their attraction and popularity appear to increase steadily the more they are known, and the causes which led to the indifferent success of the commencement of their career in this country seems no longer to operate. They ought to succeed, for we have had and shall have no such artists among us. The English stage has nothing that can approach Mrs. Wood, and we shall profit by her presence among us, for certainly this generation will have nothing so near perfection in music as is her singing." The same paper says " There are great theatrical attractions about these days at the New Orleans Theatres. Besides the stage enactments, they have half a dozen rows every evening, got up by volunteer performers from the Salt River country, and all this too

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A person having lately attended an execution, remarked to John Reeve that Jack Ketch was dressed very shabbily. "Do you not think," said he, "that as a public officer he ought to wear a gown?" "By all means," replied John, "and it ought certainly to have hanging sleeves to it."

King George the Fourth used to tell the following anecdote of John Kemble "I once requested John Kemble to take a pinch of snuff with me, and for this purpose, placed my box on the table before him, saying "Kemble, oblige (obleege) me by taking a pinch of snuff, he took a pinch, and then addressed me thus, (here his Majesty would assume the voice and manner of Kemble) I thank your Royal Highness for your snuff, but, in future, do extend your Royal *jaws*, a little wider, and say *oblige*."

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Mr. Bunn has accepted a drama from the pen of Mrs. Planché, the fair authoress of *The Welsh Girl*, and a Farce by Barnard, for Drury Lane, which is said to be superior to *The Nervous Man*.

Musical Discord.—At the Concert of M. Hertz, on Saturday evening, a dispute arose between M. Billiard and several other of M. Hertz's friends, and M. Schlesinger, the music-seller and proprietor of the *Gazette Musicale*, in consequence of which a meeting, with pistols, took place, on Monday morning, at Montmartre, between M. Schlesinger and M. Billiard. M. Billiard fired first, and his ball tore the redingote of his adversary near the breast. M. Schlesinger's ball struck M. Billiard on the body, but happily the only result was a severe contusion, of which no serious apprehensions are entertained.

Paganini has just invented a new instrument with which he intends to surprise his patrons at the Adelphi, where he will perform alternate night with Mathews; it has long struck this great musician that with such an instrument he could produce tones more resembling the human voice than any other music could be capable of effecting. He has named it the Paganini Contraviola, & as its name implies, is to the violin what the double bass is to the violincello. Il Signor landed at Dover on Friday morning, and the same evening arrived in town. He commences at the Adelphi next Monday.

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We are sorry to hear that Mr. Henry Johnson, who was at

one time the first melo-dramatic actor of the day, is suffering under an accumulation of evils, bodily and mental.

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Der Freischutz.

Ottocar, (the Prince) Mr YARNOLD,
Hermit, Mr S. JONES, Kilian, Mr TAYLEURE,
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Drury Lane Theatre.

At this Theatre, last night, after *Pizarro*, a new afterpiece was produced, (modestly and appropriately called an Easter Folly,) with the title of *Anster Fair ; or, Michael Scott, the Wizard* ; it is by Pocock, and was received throughout with great applause. One scene, where Puck, (Miss Poole,) sets every article of furniture in a room in motion, by playing his pipes, elicited shouts of laughter. The music is very pleasing, and the stage appointments, scenery, and machinery are excellent. It was given out for repetition without a dissenting voice.—The house was but thinly attended.

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ASTLEY'S AMPHITHEATRE.—This highly favored place of amusement was last night opened for the season, and, as usual, the house was crowded in every part, and the entertainments went off with great éclat. The grand novelty was a Spectacle, called *The Wars of Wellington*, the subject of which was well calculated to display to advantage the peculiar capabilities of this Theatre, and its company, both bipeds and quadrupeds ; it abounds with pageants, cavalcades, combats, &c. and was well got up.

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 Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) Mr HONNER,
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The Properties, Decorations, and Transformations, by Mr. W. Bradwell.

Mac Jamie, (Baron of Braidrigs) Mr BARTLEY,
 Michael Scott, (the Wizard, Laird of Anster) Mr WEBSTER,
 Johnny, (his Servant) Mr MEADOWS, Jock, Mr FENTON,
 Rob the Ranter, (a Border Squire) Mr BRINDAL,
 Boy, Mast. FENTON, Cheops, [a Mummy] Mr WIELAND,
 Marshall of the Sports, Mr HENRY, Tam, Mr HONNER,
 Bust of the Giant Wizard, Mr ———!!!

Willie, Mr HATTON, Sandy, Mr BARNETT,
 Baillies, Messrs. Taylor, Daw, &c. Town Clerk, Mr Crier, Mr Bawley, Sack Jumpers, Messrs. Field, Bruce, &c.
Poney Racers, Bag Pipers, Morrice Dancers, Peasants.
 Maggie Lauder, [the Laird's Ward] Miss H. CAWSE,
 Mysic [Scott's Housekeeper] Mrs C. JONES,
 Janet, [a Country Girl] Mrs FITZWILLIAMS,
 Ben' Oberan, [King of the Scottish Fairies,] Miss LEE,
 Tommy Puck, [his Henchman] Miss POOLE,
 Betti' Tania, [Ben' Oberon's Queen] Miss E. PHILLIPS,
 Mrs Puck, Miss M. L. BULLEN,

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THE Musical Drama of *Rob Roy* and *Anster Fair* were represented at this Theatre yesterday evening, when Mr. Braham sustained the character of *Francis Osbaldistone*, in the first piece, introducing some of his most popular songs. Miss Betts was the *Diana Vernon*. Bedford's *Major Galbraith* is a capital piece of comic acting ; the part has never been so well done since Charles Taylor, (the original representative, left the stage.) Webster's *Dougal* creature also deserves great praise.

A new Theatre was opened on Easter Monday at Kensington, called The Royal Kent Theatre, it is a small but pretty house, built upon the model of the Olympic, calculated to contain about 200 persons. The expense of building was £1500. Amongst the company we find the names of Messrs. Wynne, Bartlett, W. West and Brown.

The Plymouth Theatre has just closed the most prosperous season ever remembered, except the one when *Black Eyed Susan* was produced. No stars shone in that sphere, but the company was a most effective one, and the benefits, especially those of Mr. Spencer and Mrs. Nesbitt, were liberally patronised. This lady and gentleman are now making a tour to collect a company for the Cheltenham Theatre, which opens under their joint management in July.

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Don Alphonso,.....Mr TEMPLETON,  
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Commissioner, Mr FENTON,  
Moreno, Mr YARNOLD, Selva, Mr HONNER,  
Elvira, (Bride of Alphonzo) Miss BETTS,  
Fenella, (Masaniello's Sister) Miss KENNETH,  
Inis, Mrs EAST.

*Fishermen's Wives.*—Mesdames Chester, Penley, Somerville, Mapleson, Allcroft, Goodwin, Connelly. *Principal Dancers*—Mesdames Blair, Bennett, Clair, Fairbrother, Foster, Froud, Hall, Hill, Hunt, Jones, Lydia, Marsano, Parry, Payne, Ryals, Thomasin,

To-morrow, The Minister and the Mercer, and Anster Fair.

# Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

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Col. Lillienhorn, Mr TEMPLETON, Count Dehorn, Mr SEGUIN,  
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As the approaching grand Musical Festival, in Westminster Abbey, is so much the subject of interest at the present moment, the following anecdote connected with the last, which we copy from Michael Kelly's *Reminiscences*, may not be unacceptable to our readers. " The King's (George the III.) partiality for Handel's music was generally spoken of, but I believe it was not universally known what an excellent and accurate judge he was of its merits. The fine chorus of " Lift up your heads, O ye gates," was always given in full chorus, and indeed intended to be so given by Handel. The King suggested that the first part of it should be made a semichorus of, and sung only by the principal singers, but when it came to the passage " He is the king of glory," he commanded that the whole orchestra, with the full chorus, should with a tremendous force, burst out ; the effect produced by the alteration was awful and sublime.

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Mac Jamie, (Baron of Braidrighs) Mr BARTLEY,  
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 Boy, Mast. FENTON, Cheops, [a Mummy] Mr WIELAND,  
 Marshall of the Sports, Mr HENRY, Tam, Mr HONNER,  
 Bust of the Giant Wizard, Mr ———!!!

Willie, Mr HATTON, Sandy, Mr BARNETT,  
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 Mysic ..... [Scott's Housekeeper] ..... Mrs C. JONES,  
 Janet, [a Country Girl] Mrs FITZWILLIAMS,  
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 Girot, (Landlord of the celebrated Tavern at the Pre aux Clercs) Mr SEGUIN,  
 Cantarelli, (an Italian Adventurer) Mr HARLEY,  
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*Pages to the Court, Messrs. Hunt, Jenkins, Beckett, Smith, &c. &c.*  
*Villagers, Messrs. Brady, Brown, J. Cooper, &c.—Mesa. Allcroft, Boden, R. Boden, &c.*  
*Huntsmen, Messrs. Shed, Taylor, Thomas, Cotton, Jenkins, &c. &c.*  
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 After which, (25th time) a Grand New Fairy Ballet, (in Three Acts,) called The

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Mahomet, (King of Grenada) Mr HOWELL,  
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 Myssouf, ... (Chief of the Eunuchs) ... Mr W. H. PAYNE,  
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 Atargul, ... (her Companion) ... Miss O'BRIEN,  
 Zelika, ..... (a Royal Slave) ..... Mademoiselle VAGON,  
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 The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Miss KENNETH,  
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**King's Theatre.**

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VICTORIA.—The lessees of this Theatre have engaged Mr. Elton

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to succeed Sheridan Knowles; he has played *Richard the Third* and *Sir Giles Overreach*, and to-morrow will sustain the character of *Lord Wilford*, in *The Blind Beggar of Bethnal Green*, the part of *Bess*, will introduce to a metropolitan audience an actress of great provincial celebrity, a Mrs. Fisher.

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## Gustavus the Third ; OR, THE MASKED BALL.

*The Scenery, which is on a scale of Magnitude never before attempted in this country  
by Messrs Grieve and Assistants.*

Gustavus the Third, Mr WARDE,  
Col. Lillienhorn, Mr TEMPLETON, Count Dehorn, Mr SEGUIN  
The Baron Bjelke, Mr BAKER,  
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Madame Ankarstrom, Miss INVERARITY,  
Ayredson . . . . . (a Fortune-teller) . . . . . Mrs FITZWILLIAM.

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Grand Saloon in the King's Palace—Triumphal Arch of Queen Christina—Interior of Fortune Teller's Abode—Distant View of Stockholm, by Moonlight, from the Place of Public Execution—Norr-malm Square, in Stockholm—Apartment in the House of Ankarstrom—Royal Gardens, with the Fountains of Neptune—The Saloon of the Opera at Stockholm, fitted up for a Masked Ball, in which will be introduced the fashionable German Pas, principal Dancers, Mrs Vining, with Mdles. Pane, Hall, Hill, Bennett, Perry, Froud, Conway, & Marsano. The celebrated Dance des Folies, principal Folie, Madlle. Cava, Folies, Mdles. Thomasin, Fairbrother, Fenton, Ryals, &c. &c. A Figure Dance by Mr Payne and Mr F. Sutton—The Parisian Gallopade, promenade of the characters, in which will appear nearly the whole of the company of the two Theatres, assisted by above 250 additional members, habited in the most gorgeous varied costumes. The piece will terminate with the Assassination of Gustavus.

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To conclude with, a new Melo-drama, called The

## Ferry & the Mill.

Cornholm, Mr BARTLEY, Maximus Middleman, Mr HARLEY,  
Mary, Miss TAYLOR.

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This Evening, the Tragedy of

## **MACBETH.**

Duncan, King of Scotland, Mr YOUNGE,  
Lenox, ..... Mr CATHIE,  
Malcom, Mr WOOD, Donalbain, Miss LEE,  
Macbeth, ..... Mr MACREADY,  
Banquo, Mr G. BENNETT,  
Macduff, Mr COOPER, Rosse, Mr DIDDEAR,  
Fleance, ... Miss MARSHALL,  
Siward, Mr THOMPSON,  
Hecate, ..... Mr RANSFORD,  
1st Witch, Mr DOWTON, 2d Witch Mr BLANCHARD,  
3rd Witch, Mr BARTLEY,  
Lady Macbeth, ..... Mrs SLOMAN,  
Gentlewoman, Miss SOMERVILLE.

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## **MASANIELLO.**

Masaniello, Mr BRAHAM,  
Don Alphonso, ..... Mr TEMPLETON,  
Lorenzo, Mr CATHIE,  
Pietro, Mr BEDFORD, Ruffino, Mr THOMPSON,  
Commissioner, Mr FENTON,  
Moreno, Mr F. COOKE, Seiva, Mr HONNER.

Elvira, (Bride of Alphonso) Miss BETTS,  
Fenella, (Masaniello's Sister) Miss KENNETH,  
Inis, Mrs EAST,

*Fishermen's Wives.*—Mesdames Chester, Penley,  
Somerville, Mapleson, Allcroft, Goodwin, Connelly.

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**Drury Lane Theatre.**

LAST evening, Mr. Macready made his first appearance since his return from Ireland, (where by the way he was much followed and admired,) in the arduous character of *Macbeth*, and never did we see him pourtray 'the infirmity of purpose,' the vacillation and timidity of mind, by which the immortal Bard has characterised this masterly creation of his genius, with greater discrimination and effect. The soliloquies were finely delivered, particularly that previous to the murder of *Duncan*, and his expression of horror and remorse, after the bloody deed, was truly appalling. Mrs. Sloman, who played *Lady Macbeth*, has many requisites for the part, joined to a fine person and a deep rich voice, she possesses considerable tact and knowledge of stage business ; her banquet, and sleeping scenes, were admirably acted. After the Tragedy, followed the Opera of *Masaniello* ; the delightful music of which one never wearies of. Braham, and Miss Betts, did ample justice to their composer, and Miss Kenneth's expressive gesticulation rendered the aid of language unnecessary to *la pauvre muette*. Braham, is said to have received the largest sum ever given for the composition of an Opera, having been paid £1250 for *The English Fleet* when it was brought out at Covent Garden. The first time Weber heard Braham sing, and it happened to be his (Weber's) own scena in *Der Freischutz*, he exclaimed, "that is the finest singer in Europe."

ADELPHI.—Signor Paganini commenced a series of Concerts at this Theatre last night, to a very fashionable audience.

Last night the King's Theatre was one continued scene of fun and revelry till a late hour this morning, owing to the Masquerade, which was conducted in a very superior manner.

M. Laporte has formed a very effective German company, who



will shortly commence with the Opera of *Euryanthe*, at the King's Theatre. Haitzinger and Bluhm are the principal tenor and bass, and the *prima donna*, from the Opera at Munich, will be the soprano.

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The Baron Gœlher, (Nephew to the Lord High Admiral,) Mr BRINDAL,  
Count Berghen, (a Courtier,) Mr DURUSET, Colonel Koller, Mr KING,  
Ratn Burkenstaff, (a Silk Mercer,) Mr DOWTON.  
Eric Burkenstaff, (his Son,) Mr COOPER, John, (his Shop Boy) Mr WEBSTER,  
President of the Supreme Court of Justice, Mr YOUNGE,  
Joseph ..... (Servant to Lord Falkenstein,) ..... Mr IRWIN.  
Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) Mr HONNER,  
Marie Julie, ( Queen Dowager, and Mother-in-Law of ) Mrs SLOMAN,  
( Christian VII. King of Denmark. )  
Christine, ..... (Daughter of Lord Falkenstein,) ..... Miss E. TREE,  
Madame Burkenstaff, Mrs GLOVER.

*In the course of the Comedy will be exhibited*

A Splendid Apartment in the Palace of Christianbourg, (Designed and Executed by Mr. Stanfield.) Interior of Raton Burkenstaff's Shop. Apartment in the House of Lord Falkenstein. Another Saloon in the same House.

After which, will be produced, (for the 5th time,) an Easter Folly, which has been long in preparation, entitled

## ANSTER FAIR; Or, MICHAEL SCOTT the WIZARD

*With New Music, Scenery, Machinery, Dresses, Decorations, &c.*

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The Properties, Decorations, and Transformations, by Mr. W. Bradwell.

Mac Jamie, (Baron of Braidrigs) Mr BARTLEY,  
Michael Scott, (the Wizard, Laird of Anster) Mr WEBSTER,  
Johnny, (his Servant) Mr MEADOWS, Jock, Mr FENTON,  
Rob the Ranter, (a Border Squire) Mr BRINDAL,  
Boy, Mast. FENTON, Cheops, [a Mummy] Mr WIELAND,  
Marshall of the Sports, Mr HENRY, Tam, Mr HONNER,  
Bust of the Giant Wizard, Mr ———!!!

Willie, Mr HATTON, Sandy, Mr BARNETT,  
Maggie Lauder, [the Laird's Ward] Miss H. CAWSE,  
Mysic ..... [Scott's Housekeeper] ..... Mrs C. JONES,  
Janet, [a Country Girl] Mrs FITZWILLIAMS,  
Ben' Oberan, [King of the Scottish Fairies,] Miss LEE,  
Tommy Puck, [his Henchman] Miss POOLE,  
Betti' Tania, [Ben' Oberon's Queen] Miss E. PHILLIPS,  
Mrs Puck, Miss M. L. BULLEN,

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Suburbs of Anster Town! (Sunset.). The Black Shaw, by Moonlight. A Chamber in Scott's House. The Wizard's Mystic Chamber, with the Giant Wizard's Bust. Mummy, &c. Maggie Lauder's Apartment. Gigantic Magic Mustard Pot. The Road near Anster Loan. Anster Loan and Fair; Sack Jumping—Pony Racing—and Bag Piping! The Halt at Anster House. Gigantic Mustard Pot and Pepper Box, of the Ancient Wizard! Ben' Oberon's Fairy Bower!

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This Evening, (5th time,) with new Music, &c. an Opera, called

## The Challenge.

Founded on the Last Composition of HEROLD, which has been performed in Paris, during the last year, 200 nights, called

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With the whole of the MUSIC, for the FIFTH TIME in this Country.  
Adapted to the English Stage by Mr T. COOKE, who will lead the Band.

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*The Action of the Piece under the Superintendence of Mr FARLEY.*

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The Marquis de Comminge, ..... Mr H. PHILLIPS,

The Baron de Mergy, (Ambassador from Henry of) Mr WILSON,  
(Navarre to Henry the Third)

Giro, (Landlord of the celebrated Tavern at the Pre aux Clercs) Mr SEGUIN,  
Cantarelli, (an Italian Adventurer) Mr HARLEY,

Officer of the Switzer Guard, Mr HENRY, Brigadier, Mr RANSFORD,  
*The Switzer Guard, Messrs. Tayleure, T. Jones, Tears, Allerof, Grant, &c.*

*Pages to the Court, Messrs. Hunt, Jenkins, Beckett, Smith, &c. &c.*

*Villagers, Messrs. Brady, Brown, J. Cooper, &c.—Mesd. Allerof, Boden, R. Boden, &c.*

*Huntsmen, Messrs. Shed, Taylor, Thomas, Cotton, Jenkins, &c. &c.*

Margeurite de Valois, (Queen of Navarre) Miss INVERARITY,  
Isabel de Montal, Miss SHIRREFF, Madame Giro, Miss H. CAWSE.

*Attendants Peasants, Masqueraders, &c. &c. &c.*

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Avenues leading to the River and the Gardens! The Louvre in the Distance.

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Louvre. Tapestry Chamber of Margeurite de Valois! Le Pre Aux Clercs:  
with a view of the Thuilleries. Tower of the Louvre, &c.

After which, (26th time) a Grand New Fairy Ballet, (in Three Acts,) called The

## Revolt of the Harem.

Mahomet, (King of Grenada) Mr HOWELL,  
Ismael, ..... (Commander in Chief) ..... Monsieur SILVAIN,

Myssouf, ... (Chief of the Eunuchs) ... Mr W. H. PAYNE,

Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,

Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Atargul, ... (her Companion) ... Miss O'BRIEN,

Zelika, ..... (a Royal Slave) ..... Mademoiselle VAGON,

Mina, (Faithful Negress to Zulma) Mademoiselle CAVA,

The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Miss KENNETH,

Commander of the Female Army, Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

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In ACT I.

## A GRAND DIVERTEMENT!

In which will be introduced

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**Drury Lane Theatre.**

YESTERDAY evening *The Minister and the Mercer* was repeated at this house, followed by Pocock's Easter Folly, called *Anster Fair*. The ludicrous effect produced by the sound of *Puck's* magic pipes, when all things animate and inanimate, as if bit by the Tarantula, commence dancing, elicits great merriment from all parts of the house. Jerrold's new Comedy, called *The School-fellows*, is to succeed the Tragedy of *Sardanapalus*; Farren, Warde, Meadows, and Bedford, have prominent parts in it.

**King's Theatre.**

LAST night, Giulietta Grisi, made her *début* as *Ninetta*, in *La Gazza Ladra*, and a more successful one we never remember. She is a beautiful woman, an excellent actress, and possesses one of the finest voices that was ever heard. Her reception was enthusiastic, & the whole Opera went off in the best possible style.

ADELPHI.—Last night, Mr. Mathews gave his first "*At Home*," for the season, and his company, if not very select, was numerous. His Comic Annual is made up of *His Youthful Days*, and *The Polly Packet*, and though not new, abounds with fun, wit, and an amusing diversity of character.

FITZROY.—*The Frolics of the Fairies* continues to prove very attractive, not only to the juvenile branches of families, but also to children of a larger growth. It certainly is well worth seeing as a spectacle, for it is surprising how admirably it is got up. The first appearance of the fairies from the opening flowers, and the silver ball room of *Oberon's Palace*, are truly beautiful. Miss Pettifer, the Cupid of the Olympic, dances a *pas de guirlandes* with infinite grace and agility.

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 Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) Mr HONNER,  
 Marie Julie, ( Queen Dowager, and Mother-in-Law of ) Mrs SLOMAN,  
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**Drury Lane Theatre.**

THE entertainments, at this Theatre, last night, were *The Minister and the Mercer*, and *Anster Fair*. A correspondent of the *Morning Chronicle* writes, from Paris, on the subject of Mrs. Mardyn's return to the stage as the representative of *Myrrha*, to this effect, that though there was no truth in the reported connection between that beautiful actress and the noble bard, yet that after she had quitted the stage, they met on the Continent and a sincere friendship was formed. Mrs. Mardyn one day speaking of the Tragedy of *Sardanapalus*, (then just written,) Lord Byron expressed his fears that some manager might take it into his head to bring it on the stage, and added " If they do so you must return to the stage, and act *Myrrha*. I could not endure a regular stilted Tragedy Queen in the part ; no, no, your own wild restless gazelle like eyes only can look like the variable creature of her passions I had imagined, vibrating alternately between pride and tenderness, who wants to be a *heroine*, and must be a *woman*. He then read over the part to her, and explained exactly how he wished it to be represented ; Mrs. Mardyn, the writer of this paragraph goes on to state, left the stage at the age of 24, ere she had attained the *maturity* of her charms, or of her talents as an actress.

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Arbaces, (the Mede who aspires to the Throne) Mr BRINDAL,

Beleses, (a Chaldean and Soothsayer) Mr G. BENNETT,

Altaa, (an Assyrian Officer of the Palace) Mr YOUNGE,

Pania, (favorite Officer to the King) Mr KING,

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Mr DURUSET,

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Mr YARNOLD,

Herold, (attached to the Rebel Party) Mr MATHEWS,

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Zarina, (the Queen) Miss PHILLIPS,

Myrrha, (an Ionian Slave, favorite of Sardanapalus) Miss E. TREE.

Officers, Soldiers, Bactrian Guard, Women composing the

Harem of Sardanapalus, Attendants, Chaldean, Priests, Medes,

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*The following New Scenery has been Painted for the occasion :—*

Grand Portal in the Palace, with the City of Nineveh in the Distance, by Sun-

set,—by Twi-light, and by Moon-light! The Chorus and Dance of the Royal

Harem. The Spacious Hall of Nimrod! The Royal Banquet! Fall of Sar-

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LORD BYRON'S Tragedy of *Sardanapalus* was represented for the second time, yesterday evening, with Auber's Opera of *Masaniello*. Lord Byron in his preface to *Sardanapalus*, says, that in the plot of his Drama he has followed the account of *Diodorus Siculus*, reducing it however to such dramatic regularity, as he best could, and trying to approach the unities, he has supposed the rebellion to explode and succeed in one day by sudden conspiracy, instead of the long war of history. Had not the noble author been so anxious to compose his Play after the Greek model, with a strict regard to the unities, he might certainly have very much increased the interest of it ; as he wrote it, the whole five acts take place in one apartment of the Palace, and in the acting adaptation there are only two scenes, and there is not sufficient incident to keep the attention alive. Many people have imagined that in the character of *Sardanapalus* Lord Byron has endeavoured to sketch his own character, and certainly there are some points of resemblance ; he was, as he himself expresses it, " soft not fearful," luxurious, devoted to sensual pleasures, and only roused to exertion by powerful excitement ; he was also separated from his wife, and he puts into the mouth of *Sardanapalus* many sarcastic speeches against the clergy such as he was wont to lash them with. We cannot but think that, with all his affected indifference of public opinion, he would have been much gratified by the successful acting of his Dramas. The effeminacy of *Sardanapalus* brings to our recollection an account we have met with that the poet Milton, when he was at Cambridge, was called by his companions " The Lady of Christ College. He must have been very handsome and effeminate to have deserved this appellation.

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Atargul, ... (her Companion) ... Miss O'BRIEN,

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Zarina, (the Queen) Miss PHILLIPS,

Myrrha, (an Ionian Slave, favorite of Sardanapalus) Miss E. TREE.

Officers, Soldiers, Bactrian Guard, Women composing the  
Harem of Sardanapalus, Attendants, Chaldean, Priests, Medes,  
Slaves, Servants, &c. &c.

*The following New Scenery has been Painted for the occasion :—*

Grand Portal in the Palace, with the City of Nineveh in the Distance, by Sun-  
set.—by Twilight, and by Moonlight! The Chorus and Dance of the Royal  
Harem. The Spacious Hall of Nimrod! The Royal Banquet! Fall of Sar-  
danapalus, by the Burning of his Palace! discovering the Conflagration of the  
City of Nineveh! at the end of which, in lieu of the Green Curtain, will  
drop, a View of Newstead Abbey, (by Stanfield.) the Residence of the late  
Immortal Poet.

After which, (for the 9th time,) a new Easter Folly, entitled

## ANSTER FAIR;

### Or, MICHAEL SCOTT the WIZARD

Mac Jamie, (Baron of Braidrigs) Mr BARTLEY,

Michael Scott, (the Wizard, Laird of Anster) Mr WEBSTER,

Johnny, (his Servant) Mr MEADOWS, Jock, Mr FENTON,

Rob the Ranter, (a Border Squire) Mr BRINDAL,

Boy, Mast. FENTON, Cheops, [a Mummy] Mr WIELAND,

Marshall of the Sports, Mr HENRY, Tam, Mr HONNER,

Bust of the Giant Wizard, Mr —!!!

Willie, Mr HATTON, Sandy, Mr BARNETT,

Maggie Launder, [the Laird's Ward] Miss H. CAWSE,

Mysie . . . . . [Scott's Housekeeper] . . . . . Mrs C. JONES,

Janet, [a Country Girl] Mrs FITZWILLIAMS,

Ben' Oberan, [King of the Scottish Fairies,] Miss LEE,

Tommy Puck, [his Henchman] Miss POOLE,

Betti' Tania, [Ben' Oberon's Queen] Miss E. PHILLIPS,

Mrs Puck, Miss M. L. BULLEN,

# Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

This Evening, (77th time) a Grand Historical Opera, called  
**Gustavus the Third ;**  
**OR, THE MASKED BALL.**

*The Scenery, which is on a scale of Magnitude never before attempted in this country  
by Messrs Grieve and Assistants.*

Gustavus the Third, Mr WARDE,  
Col. Lillienhorn, Mr TEMPLETON, Count Dehorn, Mr SEGUIN,  
The Baron Bjelke, Mr BAKER,  
Count D'Essen, Mr PERKINS, Count Ribbing, Mr WILSON,  
Captain Ankarstrom, Mr H. PHILLIPS,  
Oscar, (Favorite Page to the King,) Miss SHIRREFF.  
Christian Engleheart, Mr BEDFORD,  
Madame Ankarstrom, Miss INVERARITY,  
Afredson . . . . . (a Fortune-teller) . . . . . Mrs FITZWILLIAM.

*The following is the order of the New Scenery;*  
Grand Saloon in the King's Palace—Triumphal Arch of Queen  
Christina—Interior of Fortune Teller's Abode—Distant View  
of Stockholm, by Moonlight, from the Place of Public Execu-  
tion—Norr-malm Square, in Stockholm—Apartment in the  
House of Ankarstrom—Royal Gardens, with the Fountains of  
Neptune—The Saloon of the Opera at Stockholm, fitted up  
for a Masked Ball, in which will be introduced the fashion-  
able German Pas, principal Dancers, Mrs Vining, with Mdlles.  
Pane, Hall, Hill, Bennett, Perry, Froud, Conway, & Marsano.  
The celebrated Dance des Folies, principal Folie, Madlle. Cava,  
Folies, Mlles. Thomasin, Fairbrother, Fenton, Ryals, &c. &c.  
A Figure Dance by Mr Payne and Mr F. Sutton—The Parisian  
Gallopage, promenade of the characters, in which will appear  
nearly the whole of the company of the two Theatres, assisted  
by above 250 additional members, habited in the most gorgeous  
varied costumes. The piece will terminate with the Assassi-  
nation of Gustavus.

To conclude with, the Opera of

## Der Freischutz.

Ottocar, . . . . . (the Prince) . . . . . Mr YARNOLD,  
Hermit, Mr S. JONES, Kilian, Mr TAYLEURE,  
Bernhard, Mr SEGUIN, Adolph, Mr TEMPLETON,  
Casper, Mr H. PHILLIPS,  
Zamiel, Mr W. H. PAYNE, Witch of the Glen, Mr WIELAND,  
*Attendants on the Prince, Foresters, Servants, &c. &c.*  
Linda, Miss BETTS, Rose, Miss H. CAWSE.

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**Drury Lane Theatre.**

YESTERDAY evening Lord Byron's Tragedy of *Sardanapalus* was repeated, followed by the laughable entertainment of *Anster Fair*.

**Cobent Garden Theatre.**

THE Opera of *Gustavus the Third*, the dresses and appointments of which have been renovated and restored to all their pristine splendour, was represented at this house for the 77th time yesterday evening, followed by *Der Freischutz*. Her Majesty intends honouring this Theatre with her presence to-morrow night, to see the new Opera of *The Challenge*, therefore Mozart's *Don Juan*, is put off till Thursday, when the new Farce will be produced.

FITZROY THEATRE.—A very amusing new Farce, in one act, called *The Siamese Twins*, was acted here last night, and met with that well merited success which attends the production of most of the novelties at this Theatre. It is by the author of *The King Incog*, &c. and is written with great smartness and point, and like all his pieces abounds in clever puns. The plot is simply this ; a young fellow being in love with the ward of Forceps, an old virtuoso, in order to get a footing into his house, dresses up his Irish servant, and the boots at the hotel, as the *Siamese Twins*, and at length obtains a promise from the old man that on dissolving the union of the twins, he will cement that of the young couple. Mitchell and Oxberry played the twins with infinite humour, and excited great mirth, and Mr. Hughes both dressed and acted the virtuoso to the life. The Farce was received with hearty laughter and applause, and Mitchell gave it out for repetition without a dissenting voice. The house was not only fully but fashionably attended ; the Hon. Mrs. Norton and a large party occupied two public boxes, and evinced their delight by repeated plaudits, especially at the military evolutions of the fairy army, in *The Frolics of the Fairies*, which was the first piece.

On Monday next Mr. Bunn intends to try the experiment which has been so attractive at the Continental Theatres, viz. that of drawing a lottery on the stage ; this novel entertainment will not be inappropriately introduced in the Masquerade scene of *Gustavus the Third*. There will be two degrees of prizes, one for the boxes and one for the pit, and every person, in order to obtain a chance of a prize, must pay an extra 3s. 6d. to the boxes, and 1s. 6d. to the pit. The prizes will consist of admissions to the boxes, a stall for the season, splendid editions of the works of Shakspeare, Byron, &c. In addition to this novelty, the

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spirited lessee intends to introduce the principal features of the Masked Balls of the late Carnival at the Académie Royale.

The American Papers state, that a short time since, Mrs. Chapman, of the Baltimore Theatre, met with a dreadful accident whilst performing *Aladdin*; just as she was passing in a Palanquin over a platform sixteen feet from the stage, the scaffolding gave way, and she was precipitated to the ground; three of her ribs were broken, and her spine so much injured as to produce a temporary paralysis.

### Fashionable Lounges.

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DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Just wish to say a word—beg pardon, hope I don't intrude—will you excuse me, I have to mention, that I've arranged so as to rub shoulders with my friends and the fashionable world, at one or other of the *Grand Lounges* about town.

Monday, call in at the Queen's Bazaar, Oxford Street, to see the new Diorama of *Captain Ross's Expedition to the North Pole*—crowded to the door, but when I did get in, amply repaid for my patience—most interesting subject—fancy yourself among the natives without the fatigue of the voyage.—*Belshazzar's Feast*, and all the *Physiorama Views*, are added, so that you see the whole for 1s.

Afterwards pop in a few doors higher up to *mon ami*, Palmer, jun. just located from St. James's-st.—Aunt Paulina dubs his new Pocket Toilet, the '*last new Lion*,'—says the ladies of 'The Harem' patronise it in the Bath—rather curious to know—*been thinking of dropping in there*—good excuse—hope I shan't intrude!

Having been much annoyed with head-ache lately, thought the weight of my Hat the cause—determined to visit the celebrated PERRING, posted to his shop, 85, Strand—bought one of his Patent Three&Half Ounces, only 12s.—*Headache gone!*

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Must pay frequent visits to the Suffolk Street Gallery, the walls of which are so covered with beautiful specimens of Paintings by our Native Artists, that at the first view I was lost in amazement,—it is truly *l'embarras de richesse!* It far surpasses all former displays.

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After visiting *The Fleas*, wishing to know the time, was ushered into the next room, and discovered the wonderful *Exeter Clock*, the most perfect piece of Mechanism in the world, superior to the famous Strasburg.—A treat to the talented and scientific; abounding in curiosities—must be seen to excite admiration.

Thursday, viewed a delightful treat for the admirer of the Fine Arts, at the Pall Mall Gallery, No. 53,—some of the finest specimens of the best masters exhibited, and even the minor performances possess a display of interest & talent.

"Where shall I dine?" At Evan's Hotel and Table d'Hôte, every Monday and Thursday, Piazza, Covent Garden—*Joy* has left it, but then wit, elegance and moderate charges have followed Evans from the Cyder Cellars, Maiden Lane, and the company of his brother actors enliven the scene. Can have a Chop, &c. for Supper.

On Friday, I examine *Miss Linwood's* curious Needle-Work, in Leicester Square—just added other beautiful specimens of her art.

Several of my friends having been misled by external appearances, and popped into the wrong shop, I would recommend them in future to order their Wines and Spirits *by post*, as there can be no mistake in directing letters to BRETT'S Patent Brandy Depot, 109, Drury Lane.

How Macready shines to-night, says I, at Drury—Mrs P. instantly asked me this Con.—"Who is the most shining and reflecting man, & the greatest friend to the Polish cause in London?" looked at my brilliant boots, and exclaimed "Robert Warren!"—Isn't that a good one?—but I intrude, beg pardon—

Your's, &c. PAUL PRY.

P.S. At Exeter Hall, the King's Pictures;—the immense Pictures of *The Battle of Trafalgar*, just at the time Nelson was shot! terrible indeed, and the dreadful gale after, where they are lowering the poor wounded out of the *Santissima Trinità*—*ded* before she was sunk—awful! awful! Mr. Editor.

# Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

This Evening, Auber's Opera of

## FRA-DIAVOLO.

Fra-Diavolo, (disguised as the Marquis of San Carlo) Mr WILSON,  
Lord Allcash, Mr DURUSET, Giacomo, Mr RANSFORD.

Lorenzo, Mr TEMPLETON,

Matteo.....Mr SEGUIN, Beppo.....Mr BEDFORD.  
Zelina, Miss SHIRREFF, Lady Allcash, Miss INVERARITY.

After which, the popular Interlude of

## OLD AND YOUNG.

Mr Milton, Mr AYLIFFE,

Charles Mowbray, Mr BAKER, Peter, Mr TURNOUR,  
Peggy, Mrs CHESTER,

Mitilda Mowbray,.....Miss POOLE !

Hector Mowbray,.....Miss POOLE !!

Gobbleton Mowbray,.....Miss POOLE !!!

Foppington Mowbray,.....Miss POOLE !!!!

In which she will introduce the Song of

" *The Merry Little Drummer,*" & "*Meet me by Moonlight,*"  
(Accompanying herself upon the Piano-Forte.)

After which, (30th time) a Grand New Fairy Ballet, (in Three Acts,) called The

## Revolt of the Harem.

The Music composed by Mons. T. Labarre. The Scenery, by the Mess. Grieve.  
*The Decorations, &c. by Mr W. Bradwell, The Dances arranged by M. Anathole.*

The Action of the Ballet under the superintendence of Mr. FARLEY.

Mahomet, (King of Grenada) Mr HOWELL,

Ismael,.....(Commander in Chief).....Monsieur SILVAIN,

Myssouf,....(Chief of the Eunuchs)....Mr W. H. PAYNE,

Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,

Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Atargul,....(her Companion)....Miss O'BRIEN,

Zelika,.....(a Royal Slave).....Mademoiselle VAGON,

Mina, (Faithful Negress to Zulma) Mademoiselle CAVA,

The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Mrs VINING,

Commander of the Female Army, Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Officers, Mesdemoiselle Vagon, Ryals, Baseke, Thomasin,

In ACT I.

## A GRAND DIVERTISEMENT!

In which will be introduced

*A Pas Deux, by Madlle. PAULINE LEROUX, and Monsieur SILVAIN.*

*A Pas de Deux, by Madlle. VAGON and O'BRIEN.*

*A Pas De Trois, by Mademoiselles Pauline Leroux, and Cava, and Mons. Silvain.*

In Act II. *A GRAND PAS DE TROIS,*

By Mesdemoiselles PAULINE LEROUX, VAGON, and O'BRIEN.

*The Celebrated Pas des Lances, and the celebrated Pas des Lyres.*

To-morrow, The Challenge, Popping the Question, & My Wife,,  
what Wife.

**Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.**

**This Evening, (30th time) a New Historical Comedy, in Five Acts, called The**

# Minister & the Mercer

**Count Bertrand de Rantzau,** (Member of the Council,) **Mr W. FARREN,**  
**Lord Falkenstein,** (the Secretary at War,) **Mr MATHEWS,**  
**The Baron Gœlher,** (Nephew to the Lord High Admiral,) **Mr BRINDAL,**  
**Count Berghen,** (a Courtier,) **Mr F. COOKE,** Colonel Koller, **Mr KING,**  
**Ratn Burkenstaff,** (a Silk Mercer,) **Mr DOWTON,**  
**Eric Burkenstaff,** (his Son,) **Mr COOPER,** John, (his Shop Boy) **Mr WEBSTER,**  
President of the Supreme Court of Justice, **Mr YOUNGE,**  
**Joseph** ..... (Servant to Lord Falkenstein,) ..... **Mr IRWIN,**  
Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) **Mr HONNER,**

**Marie Julie,** ( Queen Dowager, and Mother-in-Law of ) **Mrs SLOMAN,**  
( Christian VII. King of Denmark. )  
**Christine,** ..... (Daughter of Lord Falkenstein,) ..... **Miss E. TREE,**  
Madame Burkenstaff. **Mrs GLOVER.**

*In the course of the Comedy will be exhibited*

**A Splendid Apartment in the Palace of Christianbourg, (Designed and Executed by Mr. Stanfield.) Interior of Raton Burkenstaff's Shop. Apartment in the House of Lord Falkenstein. Another Saloon in the same House.**

To conclude with, Auber's Grand Opera of

# MASANIELLO.

Masaniello, Mr BRAHAM,  
Don Alphonso,.....Mr TEMPLETON,  
Lorenzo, Mr F. COOKE,  
Pietro, Mr BEDFORD, Raffino, Mr THOMPSON,  
Commissioner, Mr FENTON,  
Moreno, Mr YARNOLD, Selva, Mr HONNER.

Elvira, (Bride of Alphonso) Miss BETTS,  
Fenella, (Masaniello's Sister) Miss KENNETH,  
Inis, Mrs EAST,

*Fishermen's Wives.*—Mesdames Chester, Penley, Somerville, Mapleson, Allcroft, Goodwin, Connelly, *Principal Dancers*—Mesdames Blair, Bennett, Clair, Fairbrother, Foster, Froud, Hall, Hill, Hunt, Jones, Lydia, Marsano, Parry, Payne, Ryals, Thomasin,

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**Covent Garden Theatre.**

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**Drury Lane Theatre**

YESTERDAY evening the Comedy of *The Minister and the Mercer*, and the Opera of *Masaniello*, were represented at this Theatre. We are sorry to perceive, by a letter from Mr. Parry, Jun. dated Naples, which was published in a Sunday journal, that the expectations which have been raised of Malibran's appearance, at this Theatre, are not likely to be realised, as that enchanting vocalist, according to Mr. Parry, is just gone to Bologna, to fulfil an engagement, where she remains until the autumn, when she returns to Naples. In the same letter there is a description of the house or rather palace of the manager of the Theatre St. Carlos, at Naples, which sounds almost fabulous, for it is more like the dwelling of an enchanter, than that of a mere mortal. Surely the direction of a Theatre in Naples must be a very profitable concern.

**King's Theatre.**

LAST night the Russian serf, Ivanhoff, made his début as *Percy* in the Opera of *Anna Bolleyna*, and if he did not quite fulfil the high expectations which his Continental fame had led some people to form of him, he at any rate proved himself a delightful singer. Giulietta Grisi's success in the part of the heroine was triumphant; she may be pronounced both as an actress and singer, second to no living *artiste*; she was hailed with shouts of applause. We have great pleasure in recording the successful *début* of our own countrywoman, Mrs. E. Seguin, who made her first appearance on these boards, as *Lady Jane Seymore*. She is lady-like in her deportment, possesses a voice of considerable power and sweetness, and the style in which she executed her portion of the music reflects great credit on the Royal Academy, of which, when Miss Child, she was a member; she obtained much well merited applause, and will, as *seconda donna*, be a great acquisition to the Italian stage. Tamburini was excellent in the King, and wore a splendid new dress. M<sup>lle</sup>. Salvi was good

in the Page, and the Opera altogether is so well done that we should think it will have a run. The Elslers danced in the Divertissement, and were received with a hearty welcome.—The house was crammed, as it surely ought to be with such talent as an attraction.

M. Mazzinghi, the musical composer, has been successful in his claim to the title of Count, which has been recently decreed by the proper authorities in Italy; he and his family are now at Rome. Mazzinghi married a daughter of Mr. Hodges,

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By Special Desire  of Her Majesty

Who has graciously signified her intention of honoring the Theatre with her presence

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## The Challenge.

Founded on the Last Composition of HEROLD, which has been performed in Paris, during the last year, 200 nights, called

*"Le Pre Aux Clercs!"*

With the whole of the MUSIC, for the TENTH TIME in this Country. Adapted to the English Stage by Mr T. COOKE, who will lead the Band.

*The Scenery by Messrs. GRIEVE, and Assistants.*

*The Dresses, by Mr Head & Mrs Coombe. The Decorations, by Mr W. Bradwell.*

*The Action of the Piece under the Superintendence of Mr FARLEY.*

Henry the Third of France, Mr F. SUTTON,  
The Marquis de Comminge, ..... Mr H. PHILLIPS,

The Baron de Mergy, (Ambassador from Henry of ) Mr WILSON,  
(Navarre to Henry the Third)

Giro, (Landlord of the celebrated Tavern at the Pre aux Clercs) Mr SEGUIN,  
Cantarelli, (an Italian Adventurer) Mr HARLEY,

Officer of the Switzer Guard, Mr HENRY, Brigadier, Mr RANSFORD.

*The Switzer Guard, Messrs. Tayleure, T. Jones, Tears, Allcroft, Grant, &c.*

*Pages to the Court, Messrs. Hunt, Jenkins, Beckett, Smith, &c. &c.*

*Villagers, Messrs. Brady, Brown, J. Cooper, &c.—Mesd. Allcroft Boden, R. Boden, &c.*

*Huntsmen, Messrs. Shed, Taylor, Thomas, Cotton, Jenkins, &c. &c.*

Margeurite de Valois, (Queen of Navarre) Miss INVERARITY,  
Isabel de Montal, Miss SHIRREFF, Madame Giro, Miss H. CAWSE.

*Attendants Peasants, Masqueraders, &c. &c. &c.*

*In the course of the Opera will be Exhibited the following New Scenery :*

ACT I.—The Tavern of La Pre aux Clercs, (or. Scholar's Meadow.) with Avenues leading to the River and the Gardens! The Louvre in the Distance.

ACT II.—Grand Staircase and Gallery in the Louvre. Anti-Chamber in the Louvre. Tapestry Chamber of Margeurite de Valois! Le Pre Aux Clercs with a view of the Thuilleries. Tower of the Louvre, &c.

After which, the Comic Entertainment, called

## Popping the Question.

Mr Primrose, Mr FARREN, Henry Thornton, Mr WOOD,  
Ellen Murray, Miss MURRAY, Miss Biffin, Mrs GLOVER,  
Miss Winterblossom, Mrs C. JONES, Bobbin, Mrs HUMBY.

To conclude with, the popular Piece of

## My Wife? What Wife!

Capt. Hector Tempest, (of the Royal Navy) Mr FARREN,  
Captain Hector Tempest, (of the Light Dragoons) Mr COOPER,

Simon Pyn, Mr HARLEY,

Blunt, Mr BEDFORD, Staunch, Mr WOOD,

Thomas, Mr YARNOLD, Allsauce, Mr TURNOUR,

Jeweller, Mr IRWIN,

Lady Longpurse, Mrs C. JONES, Nurse, Mrs BROAD,

Louisa, Miss LEE, Milliner, Mrs EAST.



# Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, (5th time) with New Scenery, Machinery,  
Dresses and Decorations, the celebrated Tragedy of

## SARDANAPALUS!

Written by the late Right Hon. Lord Byron.

*The incidental Music, by Mr. T. Cooke. The Dresses, by Mr. Palmer & Mrs. Coombe.*

The New Scenery, by Messrs. Andrews, Finley, Franklin, Holligan, and  
Mr. STANFIELD.

*The extensive Machinery, Properties, and Decorations, by Mr. W. BRADWELL.*

Sardanapalus, (King of Nineveh, Assyria, &c.) Mr MACREADY,

Salemenes, (the King's Brother in-Law) Mr COOPER,

Arbaces, (the Mede who aspires to the Throne) Mr BRINDAL,

Beleses, (a Chaldean and Soothsayer) Mr G. BENNETT,

Altaa, (an Assyrian Officer of the Palace) Mr YOUNGE,

Pania, (favorite Officer to the King) Mr KING,

Zames,

Sfero, } Officers of the King's

Balea, } Household

Menes, }

{ Mr WOOD,

{ Mr DURUSET,

{ Mr F. COOKE,

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**Drury Lane Theatre.**

LAST night at this Theatre after the Tragedy of *Sardanapalus*, *The Midsummer Night's Dream*, compressed into two acts, was represented as an afterpiece. *The Midsummer Night's Dream* is one of Shakspeare's Plays that we never wish to see performed ; when acted, it is converted from a delightful fiction into an incongruous and improbable Drama, and in its present state of tarnished stage appointments it is not even attractive as a Spectacle. Previous to the Tragedy, Mr. Cooper informed the audience that at half-past six he had received a certificate from Mr. Bate, a surgeon, stating the inability of Mr. G. Bennett to perform from a disease of the eye ; under these circumstances Mr. Diddear had undertaken to read the part, and hoped for the usual indulgence, as the best alternative to be offered at that late hour.

In *The Early Days of Edmund Kean*, the writer says " that early in his theatrical career Kean made his attempts at authorship, particularly as a producer of Ballets of Action. One of his entitled *Koa and Zoa*, was very popular in the provinces : Kean's combat in that was admirable. Some years after, when Kean had become a star, Newton, a celebrated country comedian, heard of Kean's success in *Richard*, and was quite amazed. He went to Newcastle to see him play that character, when Kean was starring there in 1815. Much had been said of Kean's combat, and the house was at a *dead pause* (as the English always are during any *pantomime* performance,) when Newton called out, " Why that's *t'ould combat* from *Koa and Zoa*, I've seen him fight it a hundred times !" When a piece, called *The Fisherman's Hut*, which the bills announced as written by Mr. Kean, was acted at Waterford, some one praised it highly, and said " This piece does Kean great credit, I did not think him capable of writing such a thing." " He write it," said Cherry, " Kean wrote none of that piece but the *bad English* that is in it." This remark might have been a gratuitous piece of ill nature on the

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Stothard, the venerable Royal Academician, in the meridian of his fame, painted a picture representing characters from the plays of Shakspeare. The picture has always been considered one of his noblest efforts. It was painted in the year 1812 as a companion to the Canterbury Pilgrimage, by the same inimitable artist. The Shakspeare Picture is going to be raffled for by 100 members, at three guineas each.

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**Cobent Garden Theatre.**

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A new Afterpiece, in two acts, entitled *Secret Service*, is in rehearsal at this house, and will be produced in the course of the ensuing week.

VICTORIA.—The production of the new Play, entitled *The Gamester of Milan*, is postponed until Monday next, on which evening Mr. Abbott takes his Benefit. In addition to the new Play, the evening's entertainments will consist of a variety of novel and attractive pieces. Mr. Parry, late of the Fitzroy Theatre, will shortly

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Girof, (Landlord of the celebrated Tavern at the Pre aux Cleres) Mr SEGUIN,  
Cantarelli, (an Italian Adventurer) Mr HARLEY,

Officer of the Switzer Guard, Mr HENRY, Brigadier, Mr RANSFORD.

*The Switzer Guard, Messrs. Tayleure, T. Jones, Tears, Allcroft, Grant, &c.*

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Fabio, Mr HUGHES, Cerlotti, Mr YARNOLD,

Alessandro Massaroni, Mr COOPER,

Rubaldo, . . . . (his Lieutenant) . . . . Mr BEDFORD,

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*Encouragement of the Legitimate Drama.*—During Madlle. Celeste's recent engagement at the Bath Theatre, the receipts for the week were upwards of £800, whilst Sheridan Knowles and Miss Jarman, (who immediately succeeded her,) performed in *The Wife, The Hunchback, The Blind Beggar of Bethnal Green*, &c. to houses never averaging more than £20 nightly. We understand that Sheridan Knowles demands £10 per night for the permission to perform his *Blind Beggar of Bethnal Green* at the Provincial Theatres, in order that the managers may engage him to act in it, as then he shares the receipts, and of course charges *nothing* more for the use of his Play !!

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With the whole of the MUSIC, for the TWELFTH TIME in this Country. Adapted to the English Stage by Mr T. COOKE, who will lead the Band.

*The Scenery by Messrs. GRIEVE, and Assistants.*

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Henry the Third of France, Mr F. SUTTON,

The Marquis de Comminge, ..... Mr H. PHILLIPS,

The Baron de Mergy, (Ambassador from Henry of ) Mr WILSON,  
(Navarre to Henry the Third)

Giro, (Landlord of the celebrated Tavern at the Pre aux Clercs) Mr SEGUIN.

Cantarelli, (an Italian Adventurer) Mr HARLEY,

Officer of the Switzer Guard, Mr HENRY, Brigadier, Mr RANSFORD.

*The Switzer Guard, Messrs. Tayleure, T. Jones, Tears, Allcroft, Grant, &c.*

*Pages to the Court, Messrs. Hunt, Jenkins, Beckett, Smith, &c. &c.*

*Villagers, Messrs. Brady, Brown, J. Cooper, &c.—Mesd. Allcroft, Boden, R. Boden, &c.*

*Huntsmen, Messrs. Shed, Taylor, Thomas, Cotton, Jenkins, &c. &c.*

Margeurite de Valois, (Queen of Navarre) Miss INVERARITY.

Isabel de Montal, Miss SHIRREFF, Madame Giro, Miss H. CAWSE.

*Attendants Peasants, Masqueraders, &c. &c. &c.*

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with a view of the Thuilleries. Tower of the Louvre, &c.

After which, (3rd time) a new Farce, called

## A Good Looking Fellow.

Mr Johnston, (a wealthy old Gentleman) Mr BARTLEY,  
Narcissus Briggs, ..... (his Nephew) ..... Mr HARLEY,

Frank, (Under Shopman) Mr MEADOWS,

Waggoner, ..... (from Chelmsford) ..... Mr TURNOUR,

The Widow Pliant, (a rich Haberdasher) Mrs GLOVER,

Ellen, (Servant to the Widow) Mrs HUMBY,

Marinetta, (Servant to a Lodger in the House) Miss TAYLOR.

To conclude with, a Grand New Fairy Ballet, (in Three Acts,) called The

## Revolt of the Harem.

Mahomet, (King of Grenada) Mr HOWELL,

Ismael, ..... (Commander in Chief) ..... Monsieur SILVAIN,

Myssouf, ... (Chief of the Eunuchs) ... Mr W. H. PAYNE,

Zeir, (Principal Page to the King) Mademoiselle LARCHE,

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Atargul, ... (her Companion) ... Miss O'BRIEN,

Zelika, ..... (a Royal Slave) ..... Mademoiselle VAGON,

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The Genius of the Harem, (disguised as a Slave) Mrs VINING,

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The Music composed by Dr. Arne, Dr. Cooke, &c.

Theseus, (Duke of Athens) Mr KING,

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Bottom, Mr DOWTON,

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Hermia, Miss BETTS.

FARIES :—Oberon, Miss LEE, Puck, Miss POOLE,

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VICTORIA.—Mr. Abbott takes his benefit to-night, and has provided a capital bill of fare, viz. a new Play, called *The Gamester of Milan,* cast with all the tragic strength of the company, the Farce of *Damp Beds,* and the Drama of *The Headsman,* with lots of singing, dancing, &c. The Fairies from the Fitzroy Theatre will commence their Frolics at this Theatre on Thursday night, the lessees having outbid Mr. Osbaldiston, who wanted them at the Surrey Theatre.

ASTLEY'S.—We recommend those of our readers who have not yet seen the splendid Spectacle now performing here, called *The Wars of Wellington,* to pay an early visit to this Theatre ; as a pictorial exhibition alone it is well worth seeing. This week the Masked Ball from *Gustavus* will be exhibited in the circle by a host of bipeds and quadrupeds.

On Saturday Messrs. A'Becket and Mayhew, the proprietors of the Fitzroy Theatre, were summoned to Mary-la-bonne Office, to answer a demand for wages by Messrs. Arthur, Kent, &c. &c. for labour on or before Easter, to Saturday, the 12th instant. The complainants struck on Monday last, during the performance, when three shillings in the pound were tendered them, with an understanding that further-liquidation would take place, which however did not. As the proprietors did not appear the Magistrate ordered another summons.

C. Kean has been very successful in Edinburgh, and had an immense benefit, for which he returned thanks as follows:—" Ladies and Gentlemen, I feel too exhausted to thank you as I could wish, but accept the sincere thanks of a grateful heart, for the kind and liberal reception I have met with ; and if I again shall have the honour of appearing before you, I hope I

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## Der Freischutz.

Ottocar,.....(the Prince).....Mr YARNOLD,  
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**DRURY LANE THEATRE.**

YESTERDAY evening the Tragedy of *Sardanapalus* was repeated with the Melo-drama of *Timour the Tartar*. The new piece, to be produced at this Theatre on Saturday evening under the title of *Secret Service*, is an adaptation from the French, by Mr. Planché, of a Drama, called *Michel Perrin*. Faren will sustain the principal character, which is said to be that of *Fouchet*, the notorious Minister of Police under Bounaparte, and the incidents of the Drama absolutely took place under the administration of that celebrated personage. Miss Phillips and Miss E. Phillips are in treaty with Mr. Murray of the Edinburgh Theatre to play in his company during the approaching summer recess. Their Majesties have commanded *The School for Scandal* and *Simpson and Co.* for Thursday evening.

ASTLEY'S.—Last night, M. Ducrow made his first appearance, this season, in a comic scene in the circle, called *Giromio and his Wife; or, the Flight of Hymen*, in which he displayed his unrivalled talents, to the amusement and delight of his numerous spectators. After which the vast arena was appropriately decorated, and the whole company, bipeds and quadrupeds, represented the Masquerade from *Gustavus*. This was a most splendid Spectacle, and will doubtless be very attractive. Ducrow personated the Soldan of Persia, purchasing a Circassian slave, and not only acted himself with inimitable grace, but also caused his favorite charger to exhibit his wonderful docility to the greatest advantage. The audience testified their delight by shouts of applause.

FITZROY THEATRE.—After *The Frolics of the Fairies*, (which still continues very attractive,) a new Farce was acted here last night, by the author of *Paired Off*, &c. entitled *The Time Piece*. It is a very humorous, laughable thing, and was admirably acted, therefore it is almost superfluous to add it was received with unqualified approbation.



A contemporary says "There is no truth whatever in any of the romantic stories current about Ivanhoff. He is by birth a Russian, but his mother, if we are correctly informed, was an Italian singer of some celebrity in the North of Europe. He was educated as a musician, and, having a sweet voice and good taste, was sent to France and Italy for cultivation. Ivanhoff was at one time the pupil of Madame Fodor, who some years ago was *prima donna* at our Italian Opera."

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Joseph ..... (Servant to Lord Falkenstein,) ..... Mr IRWIN,  
Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) Mr HONNER,  
Marie Julie, ( Queen Dowager, and Mother-in-Law of ) Mrs SLOMAN,  
( Christian VII. King of Denmark. )  
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**Drury Lane Theatre.**

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**King's Theatre.**

LAST night, Signora Grisi appeared in the character of *Desdemona*, in Rossini's Opera of *Otello*, and more than confirmed the favorable impression she had previously made ; her acting was full of intense feeling, yet every emotion was portrayed with strict analogy to nature, and her singing was of the highest order. Rubini, Ivanhoff, Tamburini, and Zuchelli, filled the other characters, so that it is impossible the Opera could ever have been better done as a whole.

VICTORIA.—Since the reduction of the prices, this Theatre has been nightly very fully attended, and doubtless *The Frolics of the Fairies* which is to be given here to-morrow night as an afterpiece, will be a great source of attraction.

The paragraph which we copied from *The New Monthly Magazine*, stating that Mrs. Salmon, the celebrated singer, had been reduced to penury, is, we are assured, totally without foundation. Mrs. S. has retired from the profession, and we are happy to state with an ample competency, which she is now enjoying in a most delightful retreat near London.—*Lincolnshire Chronicle.*

In the war in Flanders, the celebrated Dr. Young, the author of the "Night Thoughts," attended the English army in the quality of Almoner. One day being deeply engaged in reading the Tragedies of Eschylus, he entered, in his reverie, the camp of the enemy. He was surprised to find himself seized, he was taken as a spy, and conducted to the general. The Doctor informed him of his name, which he was no stranger to, and told, with the greatest simplicity, the circumstances of his adventure, on which he was received with the greatest distinction, and had soon the liberty of returning to the English camp.

Dryden, in a letter to Dennis, the critic, relates the following anecdote of Lee, the dramatic poet, who was confined four years in Bedlam, but though he regained his liberty, yet he never thoroughly recovered his senses. "I remember poor Nat Lee, who was then on the verge of madness, yet made a sober and a witty answer to a bad poet, who told him, "It was an easy thing to write like a madman." "No," said he, "it is very difficult to write like a madman; but it is very easy to write like a fool."

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Salemenes, (the King's Brother in-Law) Mr COOPER,

Arbaces, (the Mede who aspires to the Throne) Mr BRINDAL,

Beleses, (a Chaldean and Soothsayer) Mr DIDDEAR,

Altaa, (an Assyrian Officer of the Palace) Mr YOUNGE,

Pania, (favorite Officer to the King) Mr KING,

Zames,

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Mr DURUSET,

Mr F. COOKE,

Mr YARNOLD,

Herold, (attached to the Rebel Party) Mr MATHEWS,

Cup Bearer, Miss FENTON, Soldier, Mr CATHIE,

Zarina, (the Queen) Miss PHILLIPS,

Myrrha, (an Ionian Slave, favorite of Sardanapalus) Miss E. TREE.

Officers, Soldiers, Bactrian Guard, Women composing the

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Egeus, Mr MATHEWS,

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Demetrius, Mr DURUSET, Philostrate, Mr F. COOKE,

Bottom, Mr DOWTON,

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Last night her Majesty honored the performance of Antient Music, at the Hanover Square Rooms, with her presence, and appeared highly gratified with the musical treat prepared for the occasion. Lord Burghersh, who was the director for the evening, had made a most delightful selection ; a fine M. S. Te Deum, by Leo, never before performed but once in this country, and a magnificent credo by Mozart, were much admired. The incomparable Grisi sang two arias divinely.

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Dr. Crotch's new Oratorio, *The Captivity of Judah*, will be performed at Oxford, at the installation of the Duke of Wellington, but the admirers of sacred music and patrons of native talent, who may not find it convenient to visit the University, will have an opportunity of hearing the same author's celebrated Oratorio of *Palestine* performed on Wednesday evening next, at the Hanover Square Rooms. The best musical critics have unanimously pronounced that in the list of the most eminent composers of what we shall venture to designate the highest class of music, will be found the name of our highly talented countryman, Dr. Crotch, the author of *Palestine*, who is a native of the City of Oxford.

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LAST night their Majesties visited this Theatre in state, and as it is now a long time since such an event has occurred, the house was crowded by a highly and respectable, and to judge from the enthusiastic reception they gave the royal pair, a very loyal audience. Their Majesties and suite came in nine carriages, escorted by a troop of Royal Horse Guards, and arrived at the Theatre at exactly a quarter past seven ; on their entrance they were hailed with every demonstration of the most fervent loyalty, and "God Save the King" was sang with great applause. The Comedy of *The School for Scandal* was admirably acted, and at its termination the King and Queen were again saluted with bursts of applause, and the national anthem was again called for ; "Rule Britannia" was however substituted, and elicited great applause. Coffee was then handed to the royal party, and the Farce of *Simpson and Co.* concluded the evening's entertainments ; their Majesties appeared much gratified by the cordiality of their reception ; the Queen was splendidly dressed in white and silver, and wore a profusion of diamonds on her head and neck.

FITZROY.—On Monday next, a new Drama of peculiar construction, in which will be embodied some characters entirely new to the stage, will be produced at this Theatre ; it is to be entitled 1934 ; or, a *Hundred Years Hence*.

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On one occasion, when the late James Bernard was playing *Sheva*, in *The Jew*, at the Plymouth Theatre, the sympathies of a countryman in the pit were so highly excited in favour of the benevolent Israelite, that when Sir Stephen Bertram laid hands on



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Zulma, (Betrothed to Ismael) Mlle. PAULINE LEROUX,

Atargul, .... (her Companion) ... Miss O'BRIEN,

Zelika, ..... (a Royal Slave) ..... Mademoiselle VAGON,

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Salemenes, (the King's Brother in-Law) Mr COOPER,

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{ Mr WOOD,

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danapalus, by the Burning of his Palace! discovering the Conflagration of the  
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VICTORIA.—We last night visited this Theatre, and witnessed for the first time the representation of *The Gamester of Milan*, which is by no means devoid of interest, and was extremely well acted. The three principal characters could not have been better sustained than they were by Abbott, Elton, and Mrs. Fisher. Mrs. Fisher, though not *dans la premiere jeunesse*, is a pretty woman, and a clever actress, and in one or two scenes merited and obtained considerable applause. *The Frolics of the Fairies* was the second piece; it has lost none of its *éclat* by its transposition, and called forth the delighted plaudits of a very full house. We trust its attraction will repay the liberality of the lessees, as its production must have incurred a great additional nightly expense.

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Theseus, (Duke of Athens) Mr KING,

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**Covent Garden Theatre.**

*The Challenge, A Good Looking Fellow, & The Revolt of the Harem*, were the performances at this house on Saturday night. On Thursday their Majesties have commanded *The Duenna, My Neighbour's Wife*, and *Turning the Tables*, and by express desire of the King, Liston will play *Jack Humphries* in the last piece.

**King's Theatre.**

Rossini's Opera of *Otello* was performed here on Saturday night to a crowded house, with the same cast, and in the same style of surpassing excellence as on Tuesday night. At the end of the Opera two wreaths of flowers were thrown on the stage, one of which was placed, by Rubini, on the fair brow of the charming Grisi amidst universal plaudits. In the course of the Ballet, Fanny Elsler fell on the stage whilst dancing, but though evidently much flurried, finished her *pas*, contrary to the kindly expressed wishes of the spectators.

On Thursday next the late Edmund Kean's cottage, in the Isle of Bute, with a library of books, a collection of prints, &c. will be sold by auction at the Buck's Head Inn, Glasgow. It is expected the Marquis of Bute, to whose domain the cottage is contiguous, will be the purchaser of the cottage, which, with its furniture, cost Kean £8000, and which will be offered in one lot at £3000. A number of valuable relics, such as cups, medals and snuff-boxes, which were presented to the great actor, in compliment to his transcendent genius, are retained by Mr. Corkindale, of the Bute Arms, Rothesay, in consideration of certain sums advanced by him to the late Mr. Kean. These relics, if they were removed to London for sale, would, we should think, fetch a great price. Charles Kean has just returned to town from a successful tour, and will shortly depart for Sheffield & Liverpool.

Mrs. Waylett has met with great success at Bologne, where she has been obliged to sing many of her favorite ballads *thrice*. She has had an invitation to visit the French capital, but her English engagements will not allow her to go so far.

*Remarkable circumstance.*—Mr. W. Massingham, box-keeper of the Haymarket Theatre, being alone in a coach, near Sit-

tingbourne, a few days ago, was about to light a cigar. He had tinder, but no flint, but finding a brace of pistols with the coachman's tools, under the seat, carried in case of accident, he pulled the trigger of one of them and obtained a light. On pulling the trigger a second time, the piece went off, and a ball struck the opposite side of the coach, which might have proved fatal to any second passenger. The pistols had been placed where he found them by a French gentleman.

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P.S. At Exeter Hall, the King's Pictures;—the immense Pictures of *The Battle of Trafalgar*, just at the time Nelson was shot! terrible indeed, and the dreadful gale after, where they are lowering the poor wounded out of the *Santissima Trinitad* before she was sunk—awful! awful! Mr. Editor.



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*The Scenery, which is on a scale of Magnitude never before attempted in this country by Messrs Grieve and Assistants.*

Gustavus the Third, Mr WARDE,  
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Madame Ankarstrom, Miss INVERARITY,  
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Grand Saloon in the King's Palace—Triumphal Arch of Queen Christina—Interior of Fortune Teller's Abode—Distant View of Stockholm, by Moonlight, from the Place of Public Execution—Norr-malm Square, in Stockholm—Apartment in the House of Ankarstrom—Royal Gardens, with the Fountains of Neptune—The Saloon of the Opera at Stockholm, fitted up for a Masked Ball, in which will be introduced the fashionable German Pas, principal Dancers, Mrs Vining, with Mdlles. Pane, Hall, Hill, Bennett, Perry, Froud, Conway, & Marsano. The celebrated Dance des Folies, principal Folie, Madlle. Cava, Folies, Mlles. Thomasin, Fairbrother, Fenton, Ryals, &c. &c. A Figure Dance by Mr Payne and Mr F. Sutton—The Parisian Gallopade, promenade of the characters, in which will appear nearly the whole of the company of the two Theatres, assisted by above 250 additional members, habited in the most gorgeous varied costumes. The piece will terminate with the Assassination of Gustavus.

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FITZROY.—The constant succession of novelties which are produced at this Theatre, (most of which are light, laughable, and well adapted to display the comic talent of the company,) has rendered it a very popular place of amusement, and the audiences are now both numerous and respectable. Last night was acted, for the first time, a one act Farce, called *The Female Volunteer*, which was received with hearty laughter and unanimous applause. It is doubtless a translation from the French, and its success is more to be attributed to the clever acting of Mitchell, Oxberry and Hughes, than to its literary merits. Miss Chaplin, who disguised as a youth, offers herself as a conscript in the place of her lover, looked and acted very well, but she has a most disagreeable trick of speaking at the top of her voice, her ear must certainly be defective, or she would learn to modulate her voice better. *The Siamese Twins* followed, in which the same comic trio again elicited shouts of merriment from a crowded house. We regret to say that Mrs. Brindal was taken suddenly ill, and *The Time Piece* was therefore substituted for *The Wandering Minstrel*.

**ITALIAN OPERA.**

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# Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

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## Minister & the Mercer

Count Bertrand de Rantzau, (Member of the Council,) Mr W. FARREN,  
Lord Falkenstein, (the Secretary at War,) Mr MATHEWS,  
The Baron Gœlher, (Nephew to the Lord High Admiral,) Mr BRINDAL,  
Count Berghen, (a Courtier,) Mr DURUSET, Colonel Koller, Mr KING,  
Ratn Burkenstaff, (a Silk Mercer,) Mr DOWTON,  
Erie Burkenstaff, (his Son,) Mr COOPER, John, (his Shop Boy) Mr WEBSTER,  
President of the Supreme Court of Justice, Mr YOUNGE,  
Joseph ..... (Servant to Lord Falkenstein,) ..... Mr IRWIN,  
Dorsten, (Servant of the Royal Household) Mr HONNER,  
Marie Julie, { Queen Dowager, and Mother-in-Law of } Mrs SLOMAN,  
                  { Christian VII. King of Denmark. }  
Christine, ..... (Daughter of Lord Falkenstein,) ..... Miss E. TREE,  
Madame Burkenstaff, Mrs GLOVER.

*In the course of the Comedy will be exhibited*

A Splendid Apartment in the Palace of Christianbourg, (Designed and Executed by Mr. Stanfield.) Interior of Raton Burkenstaff's Shop. Apartment in the House of Lord Falkenstein. Another Saloon in the same House.

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Porter, Mr FENTON,  
First Clerk, Mr HONNER, Second Clerk, Mr IRWIN,  
Messenger, Mr BARNETT, Gen d'arme, Mr HATTON,  
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**Cobent Garden Theatre.**

THE entertainments at this Theatre yesterday evening were *The Challenge*, *A Good Looking Fellow*, and *The Revolt of the Harem*. It is stated as an absolute fact that on the recent visit of their Majesties to Drury Lane Theatre there was not to be found a single performer who had the words of the national anthem by heart. Surely this does not say much for their loyalty or patriotism. Braham is to sing to-morrow night his celebrated song, "The King! God bless him!"

**Drury Lane Theatre.**

LAST night at this Theatre after the Comedy of *The Minister and the Mercer*, a new Drama, in two acts, called *Secret Service*, was represented for the first time with a success so unequivocal as to promise it a long run. It is avowedly a translation by Mr. Planché of a French piece, entitled *Michel Perrin*, the principal incidents of which are founded on facts, and are as follows: Michel Perrin being deprived of his curacy in Normandy, by the Revolution, comes to Paris in a state of destitution, where being recognised by Fouché, the Minister of the Police, as his *ex-devant* tutor, is by him promised a situation. The Secretary of the Minister, through a misunderstanding, employs the simple hearted old *curé* on secret service, or in other words pays him to become a *spy*. Through a strange but natural concatenation of events Michel Perrin is made, *malgré lui*, the means of discovering and frustrating a conspiracy formed against the life of the First Consul, Bonaparte, and the piece ends with his restoration by the means of Fouché to his curacy, and his determination to return, with his niece and her lover, to his native village.

This brief outline will give our readers but a faint idea of this clever Drama, but we do not wish to lessen that interest by a more minute detail of the plot, as we earnestly recommend every one who can appreciate good acting to pay a visit to this Theatre, for never was a Drama better acted in all its parts, and the unsophisticated kind hearted old *Curé* is one of the most perfect of Farren's dramatic portraits. We have never read the original, but whatever its merits may be, we should think it has lost nothing in the translation, and Mr. Planché deserves great credit for the skill he has displayed in adapting it to our stage. There was great applause throughout the entire performance, and when Farren announced the piece for repetition he was received with loud cheers.

*Celebration of the Birth of Shakspeare*.—Wednesday last being the anniversary of the birth of this great dramatist, the

Royal Shaksperian Club, of Stratford, celebrated the event by their usual annual dinner, at the Shakspeare Hall. The day was ushered in with the customary demonstrations of the ringing of the bells of the collegiate church, and those rejoicings with which the Stratfordonians are wont to welcome the natal day of their transcendent townsman, "Fancy's sweetest child."—*Leamington Courier*.

### Fashionable Lounges.

To the Editor of *The Theatrical Observer*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Just wish to say a word—beg pardon, hope I don't intrude—will you excuse me, I have to mention, that I've arranged so as to rub shoulders with my friends and the fashionable world, at one or other of the *Grand Lounges* about town.

Monday, call in at the Queen's Bazaar, Oxford Street, to see the new Diorama of *Captain Ross's Expedition to the North Pole*—crowded to the door, but when I did get in, amply repaid for my patience—most interesting subject—fancy yourself among the natives without the fatigue of the voyage.—*Belshazzars's Feast*, and all the *Physiorama Views*, are added, so that you see the whole for 1s.

Afterwards pop in a few doors higher up to *mon ami*, Palmer jun. just located from St. James's-st.—Aunt Paulina dubs his new Pocket Toilet, the '*last new Lion*,'—says the ladies of '*The Harem*' patronise it in the Bath—rather curious to know—*been thinking of dropping in there*—good excuse—hope I shan't intrude!

Having been much annoyed with head-ache lately, thought the weight of my Hat the cause—determined to visit the celebrated PERRING, posted to his shop, 85, Strand—bought one of his Patent Three&Half Ounces, only 12s.—*Headache gone!*

Tuesday, I am to be found at the *Diorama*, Regent's Park, delighted with the two new views—must send all my friends there; dropp'd in just as the organ was playing in the *Crypt of St. Denis Cathedral*, and was awe struck. *Fountain's Abbey and the Eclipse of the Moon*, equally interesting—these must be the *ne plus ultra* of pictorial delusion.

Must pay frequent visits to the Suffolk Street Gallery, the walls of which are so covered with beautiful specimens of Paintings by our Native Artists, that at the first view I was lost in amazement,—it is truly *l'embarras de richesse!* It far surpasses all former displays.

Wednesday, visit *The Industrious Fleas*, which are returned to 209, Regent-st. where they perform daily such feats as must be witnessed to be believed—they dance, play at whist, flirt, and fight duels, besides acting as horses, &c. indeed, they are as perfectly under the word of command as if they had an understanding.

After visiting *The Fleas*, wishing to know the time, was ushered into the next room, and discovered the wonderful *Exeter Clock*, the most perfect piece of Mechanism in the world, superior to the famous Strasburg.—A treat to the talented and scientific; abounding in curiosities—must be seen to excite admiration.

Thursday, viewed a delightful treat for the admirer of the Fine Arts, at the Pall Mall Gallery, No. 53,—some of the finest specimens of the best masters exhibited, and even the minor performances possess a display of interest & talent.

"Where shall I dine?" At Evan's Hotel and Table d'Hôte, every Monday and Thursday, Piazza, Covent Garden—*Joy* has left it, but then wit, elegance and moderate charges have followed Evans from the Cyder Cellars, Maiden Lane, and the company of his brother actors enliven the scene. Can have a Chop, &c. for Supper.

On Friday, I examine *Miss Linwood's* curious Needle-Work, in Leicester Square—just added other beautiful specimens of her art.

Several of my friends having been misled by external appearances, and popped into the wrong shop, I would recommend them in future to order their Wines and Spirits *by post*, as there can be no mistake in directing letters to BARRT'S Patent Brandy Depot, 109, Drury Lane.

Saturday assist Mrs. P. to prepare her little *bijoux* for the Fancy Fair, held in the Regent's Park, on the 5th and 6th of June next.

How Macready shines to-night, says I, at Drury—Mrs P. instantly asked me this Con.—"Who is the most shining and reflecting man, & the greatest friend to the Polish cause in London?" looked at my brilliant boots, and exclaimed "Robert Warren!"—Isn't that a good one?—but I intrude, beg pardon—

Your's. &c. PAUL PRY.

P.S. At Exeter Hall, the King's Pictures;—the immense Pictures of *The Battle of Trafalgar*, just at the time Nelson was shot! terrible indeed, and the dreadful gale after, where they are lowering the poor wounded out of the *Santissima Trinità*—*dad* before she was sunk—awful! awful! Mr. Editor.

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## FOR THE BENEFIT OF Mademoiselle PAULINE LEROUX.

### This Evening the Grand Ballet of MASANIELLO.

Masaniello, (Fisherman of Portici) Mons. COULON,  
(*From the Italian Opera, his First Appearance this Season,*)  
Alphonso, (Viceroy of Naples) Mons. T. GUERINOT,  
Pietro, Mr W. H. PAYNE, Borella, Mr GOURINOT,  
Morino, Mr HOWELL, Lasarino, Mr F. SUTTON,  
Francisco, Mr T. MATTHEWS, Lazzaroni, Mr ELLAR,  
Lorenzo, Mr IRWIN,

Fenella, (Sister of Masaniello) Mlle. Pauline LEROUX,  
Elvira, (Wife of Alphonso) Mlle. ADELE,  
*Coryphees*.—Mesdames Baseke, Thomasin, Ryalls, Lydia, &c.

*On which occasion the Vocal Parts will be sustained by*  
Mess WILSON, TEMPLETON, SEGUIN, RANSFORD,  
BEDFORD, HENRY, MARTYN, ALLCROFT, CHANT, &c.  
Mesdames INVERARITY, SHERRIFF, BETTS, H. CAWSE,  
CHESTER, ALLCROFT, PENLEY, BODEN. R. BODEN, &c.

*Fishermen, Soldiers, Fishermen's Wives, Children, &c.*  
In Act I. *A Pas de Deux*, by Mons. T. Guerinot, & Mlle. Adele.  
In Act II. *Grand Pas de Trois*, by M. Perrot, Mlles. Leroux & Vagon.

After which, (10th time) a new Farce, called

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This Evening, (14th time) with New Scenery, Machinery,  
Dresses and Decorations, the celebrated Tragedy of

## SARDANAPALUS!

Written by the late Right Hon. Lord Byron.

*The incidental Music, by Mr. T. Cooke. The Dresses, by Mr. Palmer & Mrs. Coombe,  
The New Scenery, by Messrs. Andrews, Finley, Franklin, Holligan, and  
Mr. STANFIELD.*

*The extensive Machinery, Properties, and Decorations, by Mr. W. BRADWELL.*

Sardanapalus, (King of Nineveh, Assyria, &c.) Mr MACREADY,

Salemenes, (the King's Brother in-Law) Mr COOPER,

Arbaces, (the Mede who aspires to the Throne) Mr BRINDAL,

Beleses, (a Chaldean and Soothsayer) Mr DIDDEAR,

Altaa, (an Assyrian Officer of the Palace) Mr YOUNGE,

Pania, (favorite Officer to the King) Mr KING,

Zames,

Sfero,

Balea,

Menes,

Officers of the King's

Household

Mr WOOD,

Mr DURUSET,

Mr F. COOKE,

Mr YARNOLD,

Herold, (attached to the Rebel Party) Mr MATHEWS,

Cup Bearer, Miss FENTON, Soldier, Mr CATHIE,

Zarina, (the Queen) Miss PHILLIPS,

Myrrha, (an Ionian Slave, favorite of Sardanapalus) Miss E. TREE.

Officers, Soldiers, Bactrian Guard, Women composing the  
Harem of Sardanapalus, Attendants, Chaldean, Priests, Medes.

*The following New Scenery has been Painted for the occasion :—*

Grand Portal in the Palace, with the City of Nineveh in the Distance, by Sun-  
set,—by Twilight, and by Moonlight! The Chorus and Dance of the Royal  
Harem. The Spacious Hall of Nimrod! The Royal Banquet! Fall of Sar-  
danapalus, by the Burning of his Palace! discovering the Conflagration of the  
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